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Born with a bullet

A baby girl born with a bullet in her chest sleeps July 11 at a Memphis Hospital. The girl, who has not yet been named, was born July 8 after her mother, Evelyn Page, was shot in the stomach by an assailant who tried to force her into his car. Dr Frank

Ling, an obstetrician at the Regional Medical Centre who supervised the baby's birth said the odds of a foetus surviving a gunshot wound while in the womb are incalculable. Both baby and mother were in satisfactory condition July 12. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ships defy Syrian blockade

BEIRUT, July 14, (Agencies): Three ships carrying fuel for the besieged Christian community today slipped through a Syrian blockade and a hail of artillery fire, military sources said.

Shells from the Syrian forces and Christian artillery which tried to demolish the Syrian guns crashed into residential areas in both the Christian and Muslim sectors of the city, killing one civilian and wounding four others.

Syrian gunners, using radar-equipped cannons, lobbed dozens of shells into sea waters of the Christian harbours north of Beirut when three ships carrying some 15

million litres of fuel were spotted sailing at full speed towards the shore, the sources said.

The intensive bombardment missed the ships, and the vessels reached harbours north of the city, the sources said. They refused to say where the ships docked for security reasons.

The ships also defied at least three Syrian missile-equipped boats that have been cruising off the Christian coast as part of the blockade.

Syrian radars, according to military experts, have failed to pinpoint the location of ships moving close Christian-con-

trolled craggy beaches north of Beirut.

Lebanese Christian Army artillerymen attempted to knock out the sources of fire, targeting the Syrian guns with dozens of 120 mm and 155 mm shells, the sources said.

One Syrian artillery battery was directly hit and destroyed in the coastal region of Salatah north of the Christian region, the sources said.

A resident of Christian East Beirut said in a telephone interview that several cars collided on a street in the suburban region of Antelias when shells crashed into a nearby area.

A 6-story building in the Christian Deikwan in outskirts East of Beirut was set on fire when rockets fired from Syrian-controlled regions hit it, the sources said.

The sources said the large fire was caused when shrapnel hit many storage of fuel inside the building.

The inhabitants of the apartment houses managed to escape unharmed before the fire gutted the building.

Christian leader Gen Michel Aoun says he is trying to avoid a missile confrontation with Syria but warns that his patience could run out, the Mideast Mirror newsletter reported yesterday.

Kurd leader killed in Vienna

VIENNA, July 14, (Reuter): Iranian Kurdish opposition leader Abdolrahman Qassemli was assassinated along with two other exiled Kurdish activists while meeting an Iranian representative in Vienna, police said today.

Teheran Radio reported that Qassemli was holding talks with an envoy from Iran about receiving a safe-conduct to return to Teheran.

Vienna state police chief Werner Liebhart said the radio report was "certainly plausible." He said killers burst into an apartment in central Vienna where the four had held two hours of talks last evening and immediately opened fire.

The Iranian representative fled to the street outside the apartment after suffering a gunshot wound to the jaw and handed over an envelope containing \$9,000 to a fifth man, an Iranian Kurd, just arriving for the meeting.

The murders were politically motivated, "Liebhart told a news conference. "We don't know what the meeting was about."

He later told Reuters the envoy's diplomatic passport bore the name of Mohammed Djafari Sahroodi. The Iranian embassy was "holding back" about the injured man's responsibilities but did not dispute he was entitled to the passport, Liebhart said.

The Iranian and Iraqi embassies declined comment on the shooting.

Qassemli, 59, was secretary general of the pro-Iraqi Democratic Party of Kurdistan. Also killed was his deputy Abdullah Ghaderi-Azar and an Iraqi Kurd, Mahmoud Rasoul Fadi Mala, who represented a separate Kurdish group, police said.

The Iranian representative, who collapsed in the street after handing over the cash, was in hospital and unable to talk to police. The fifth man identified as Amir Mansour Bozorgian, was being interrogated as a witness.

The killers fled the scene. Three pistols believed to have been used in the murders were later discovered in a rubbish bin and on the street in another part of Vienna.

Liebhart said there was no evidence that foreign secret services had taken part in the shooting.

A large quantity of documents in Kurdish and Farsi found in the apartment were being translated by the police.

Qassemli had lived in exile in France but had contacts with exiled Kurds in Austria.

Independent sources in Teheran who declined to be named said Qassemli, who has led the Iranian Kurds against Teheran for over 20 years, had been negotiating a settlement with the leadership emerging in Teheran following the death of Ayatollah Khomeini last month.

Heads roll in 'viva la' bash

World leaders in Paris bicentennial

PARIS, July 14, (Agencies): Brass bands marched down the Champs-Elysees today while Mirage jetfighters screamed overhead and a squadron of aircraft left a smoky trail of blue, white and red, adding a martial touch to France's bicentennial celebrations.

The traditional Bastille Day military parade in the morning followed all-night parties in squares around the capital.

President Francois Mitterrand rode standing up in a jeep from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde, where he took his place in the viewing stands behind bullet-proof glass shielding more than 30 world leaders in Paris to help mark the 200th anniversary of the French revolution.

Among those seated in the VIP stands to watch the annual Bastille Day military parade were US President George Bush, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

Nine bands set the stirring pace for units representing every branch of the French military, including the foreign legion.

Among the more than 100 planes that swooped over the avenue were nine Mirage 2000's, designed to carry nuclear warheads.

The nuclear missiles, France's short-range, mobile photon system, rolled by on tracked carriers. Mirage 2000 deep-penetration nuclear bombers flew overhead, followed by a wing of Mirage 4 planes with nuclear-tipped missiles.

The Army briefing paper on the parade did not say whether the missiles, operated by the 4th artillery regiment, were loaded with their warheads for the parade.

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Video cameras installed around the Grand Mosque as part of unprecedented security measures during the Hajj were being monitored for clues, one Arab journalist in Makkah told Reuters.

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Yogurt, cheese may aid cancer

BOSTON, July 14, (UPI): A new study suggests that eating large amounts of dairy products, especially yogurt and cottage cheese, may increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer, a Harvard researcher said Wednesday.

A team of researchers affiliated with Harvard Medical School found for the first time that women with ovarian cancer were more likely to eat dairy products, especially yogurt and cottage cheese, compared to healthy women.

Dr Daniel Cramer, who headed the study published in the current issue of the British journal *The Lancet*, stressed the findings need to be confirmed before recommending women eat less dairy products. But he said the findings were cause for concern, especially for women who eat a lot of yogurt.

"We are reluctant to make broad public health recommendations on the basis of this because it's such a new finding," said Cramer, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard and the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"But if our findings are confirmed, this would suggest that avoidance of (dairy) food by women may be important for preventing ovarian cancer in women," he said.

Scientists are unsure why dairy products would increase the risk of ovarian cancer, but believe a sugar found in milk, cheese, yogurt and other dairy products known as galactose may damage the ovaries.

Lawrence Garfinkel of the American Cancer Society said the study was interesting and appeared to be well done. But he noted there have been numerous false alarms in the past about foods being associated with cancer.

"We have to wait to see if anybody can duplicate it before we make a statement," he said. "Yogurt has so many other advantages that I would certainly wait until other studies are done before I make any statements."

There are about 20,000 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed each year in the United States and about 12,000 American women die from the disease annually — making it the fifth leading cause of cancer and cancer death in the nation.

The researchers examined the possible relationship between dairy products and ovarian cancer because rodent studies found galactose could cause ovarian damage, and that appeared to increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

All dairy products contain a form of sugar called lactose, which breaks down into galactose and glucose. In yogurt and cottage cheese, much of the lactose already is broken down into its components.

For the study, Cramer and his colleagues compared how much dairy food was eaten by 235 women with ovarian cancer to how much was consumed by 239 similar women without ovarian cancer.



Monkey business

Adam, a month-old Kata Lamur monkey, climbs on the head of Limor Kahana, a worker at the Ramat Gan Safari outside Tel Aviv. Kahana adopted Adam who was born at the zoo but was rejected by his parents and other Kata Lamurs in captivity. (Reuter wirephoto)

Child beats the odds Boy wonder

RICHMOND, Virginia, July 14, (AP): Doctors said he would never smile and would be lucky to live more than a few weeks, but a boy born without a brain is now 5 years old and laughs at television programmes, says his adoptive mother.

"Andrew just glows," said Kaye J. Vandal. "He laughs, he giggles, he smiles. He has an outgoing, bubbly personality that really draws people to him."

Doctors "said he would never smile, never respond, never grow," Ms Vandal said. "All those things have proved to be untrue."

Andrew, who celebrated his 5th birthday Wednesday, is in excellent health, said Ms Vandal, a paediatric nurse who lives in Wallingford, Connecticut.

"He had not even had a cold until this past year when he developed the flu," she said in a telephone interview. "But he got over it in normal fashion and went back to nursery school."

Soon after Andrew was born in Roanoke, doctors ran tests that showed he had no brain. A cyst had formed at the stem of the brain and kept the rest of it from forming, leaving his skull filled with fluid — a condition known as hydranencephaly.

He survived because the brain stem contains the nerve centre that controls breathing and circulation.

But the parts of the brain that allow humans to think and co-ordinate muscular movement — the cerebrum and cerebellum — never formed.

Dr Robert T. Leshner, a professor of neurology and paediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia, said there is no known treatment for hydranencephaly and that the prognosis for such patients is poor.

Most children with the condition "don't make it past the first year of life," he said. The cause of the condition is not known.

Andrew's biological mother had decided before his birth that she would give up her child for adoption.

Foster parents took care of the boy for five months while the Richmond-based Children's Home Society of Virginia, a private adoption agency, searched for prospective parents.

"Andrew was the hardest adoption I ever did," said Sharon E. Peterson, the society's director of development. "We decided we're not putting this kid in an institution. We're going to place him."

Ms Vandal sought to adopt Andrew after reading a newspaper story about him.

Growth hormone speeds healing

BOSTON, July 14, (AP): An experimental hormone treatment makes skin grow more quickly and someday may be used to speed the healing of wounds ranging from minor cuts to life-threatening burns, doctors report.

"It had always been taught in medical school that you could not stimulate wounds to heal faster," said Dr Gregory L. Brown. "We set out to show that you could."

In their research, doctors used a substance called epidermal growth factor to encourage skin to grow faster after it was removed for skin grafts in victims

of burns and leg fractures.

The substance, which occurs naturally in small amounts, is produced in quantity through genetic engineering. It has been the subject of intensive research by biotechnology companies because of the large potential market for a drug that promotes healing.

An editorial published with the study in yesterday's *New England Journal of Medicine* said this is the first carefully conducted experiment in people to show that the treatment works.

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US to revise immigration law

WASHINGTON, July 15, (UPI): The Senate approved a far-reaching revision of immigration law yesterday, setting a ceiling of 630,000 newcomers a year and blending the traditional goal of family reunification with a new emphasis on welcoming the skilled and educated.

The legislation, which would allocate 480,000 slots to relatives of people already in the United States and 150,000 slots to the most skilled and educated in demand for jobs in America, passed 81-17 and was sent to the House of Representatives for action.

Included in the 150,000 are 54,000 openings for "selected immigrants" chosen on the basis of age, education, job demand, training and work experience — a new category in the law.

Even the sponsors of the bill, the first major change in immigration law in 28 years, agreed that the legislation will still leave many foreigners waiting to get into the United States.

"There are just a lot more wanting to come than we can accommodate," said Senator Alan Simpson, Democrat of Wyoming.

After several efforts to enlarge the immigration, the Senate adopted an amendment by

Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, to allow 85,000 professionals and skilled and unskilled workers, instead of 54,000.

The Specter amendment raised the total ceiling to 630,000 during each of the next three years, the first ceiling since 1924 when immigration into the United States was held to 150,000 people.

In one of the more lively showdowns, the Senate refused, 56-43 to give special preference to immigrants who speak English.

Berating his colleagues for refusing to break new ground in immigration law, Simpson said,

"You will have snored, rolled and ripped around in it and given birth to a mouse."

The Senate added provisions to protect from deportation about one million spouses and children of illegal aliens given amnesty in the 1986 law, banned direct federal benefits, such as health care and housing, to illegal aliens and, despite a constitutional challenge, prevent the counting of illegal aliens for use in reapportionment of congressional districts.

As in current law, the bill sets no limit on the immigration of spouses and minor children of US citizens, which reached 220,000 last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hostage released

AMSTERDAM, July 14, (Reuters): A West German drug addict released a 52-year-old woman he had held at gunpoint in her home in the Dutch town of Heerlen in the night after his girlfriend was brought in to negotiate, police said.

Police then stormed the building using stun grenades and captured the man unharmed.

The woman's 32-hour ordeal ended after the addict's girlfriend had been brought at his request from West Germany by Dutch police, police spokesman Herman Nabers said.

After talking to him by telephone from Heerlen's police station the girl was allowed to enter the house, Nabers said.

Child kills sister

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, July 14, (AP): An infant was killed with a gun that her 6-year-old sister found under their parent's pillow hours after Gov Bob Martinez signed a bill intended to protect children from accidental shooting.

Ten-month-old Enerilda Suarez

was shot late Wednesday and died early yesterday at St Joseph's hospital in Tampa, police said.

She was the seventh victim of such an accident since June 1.

The 6-year-old found the .38 caliber revolver laying on their parents' bed under a pillow and thinking it was a toy, fired it one time, striking the girl in the head," said Tampa police officer, S. Middleton.

Phone money

PHOENIX, July 14, (AP): A man used a photocopy to produce \$1-million counterfeit \$100 bills, the secret service said.

Richard Perez, 39, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted of counterfeiting, said agent Don Tucker.

Tucker was arrested Tuesday after trying to negotiate with an undercover agent to trade the counterfeit money for 500 pounds of marijuana.

Tucker said that Perez produced the counterfeit bills on a copied belonging to Perez' employer and that the seizure was believed to be the secret service's largest involving counterfeit currency produced with a color copier.

Cocaine seized

QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, July 14, (UPI): Police found more than 150 pounds of cocaine hidden in the ceiling of a passenger bathroom on an Eastern Airlines passenger plane, officials said yesterday.

It was the sixth time in six months that Ecuadorian authorities have detained an Eastern flight after finding cocaine on board.

Police said the cocaine was found on Wednesday night on a flight bound for Miami that originated in Cali, Colombia, with a stop in Quayaguil.

News reports in Quayaguil said two people were detained in the case.

Memorial service

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Friends and relatives remembered the inspiring side and the human foibles of muckraking journalist I.F. Stone at a memorial service.

"He had warmth, humour," said Stone's brother-in-law, attorney Leonard Boudin.

But of Stone, who once wrote that the departed was always given "credit for more than he deserved," Boudin said during Wednesday's service: "I didn't always think his puns were so great."

Stone died June 15 in Boston at the age of 81. Besides his wife of 59 years, Esther, he is survived by two sons, Jeremy Jay and Christopher, and a daughter, Celia Stone Gilbert.

Man takes own life

SANTA CLARITA, California, July 14, (AP): The father of a 7-year-old murder victim spent the day at his daughter's grave, then put a shotgun to his head and committed suicide, authorities said.

A cemetery worker found the body of Wallace Scott Mann, 36, at the Eternal Valley Memorial Park on Tuesday morning, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

Mann's body, found over the grave of Sara Nan Hodges, apparently had been there since Monday night, sheriff's detective Rounie Lancaster said.

The worker had seen Mann throughout the previous day, sometimes sitting near the grave, sometimes watching it from his car and at one point painting a smiling face and flowers on the headstone.

What a beast!

Actor Ron Perlman is shown in the costume he wears when he portrays the beast in the television show, "Beauty and the Beast." The actor, who recites poetry by Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe during the show, has apparently popularised the authors' works. About 250,000 copies of the poems have been sold recently. (Reuter wirephoto)



Gabor pleads guilty

BEVERLY HILLS, California, July 14, (AP): Supporters carried "Free Zsa Zsa" signs outside court, where actress Zsa Zsa Gabor (centre) on Wednesday pleaded innocent to charges stemming from confrontation with a policeman during a traffic stop.

The plea took just a few minutes and Miss Gabor — who had a lot to say later — said nothing while standing by attorney William Graysen as he entered her plea before municipal Judge Charles G. Rubin.

The judge granted Miss Gabor's request for an Aug. 2 pretrial hearing at which Graysen said, he will try to prove the officer has a history of abusive behaviour toward celebrities. A jury trial was set for Sept. 11.

Miss Gabor was charged with misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying an officer's orders, driving with an expired licence, having an open container of alcohol in her car and carrying an expired vehicle registration.

She was arrested June 14 after her Rolls Royce Corniche was pulled over for the registration violation, but drove off as the officer was checking for other infractions and then allegedly slapped him when he got her to stop two blocks later.

"This man is a sadist. We had enough of this in communist Hungary and we don't need it here," the Hungarian-born actress said.

When questioned by reporters about the policeman's charges that she had used abusive language, Miss Gabor said, "My dear girl, I do not have bad language. I was very well brought up. I am a lady." (Reuter wirephoto)

NASA official quits

Commercials get cosmic

LONDON, July 14, (AP): Britain's first cosmonaut, due to join a Soviet mission in 1991, may soar into space covered with commercial plugs in the style of a racing driver, an advertising agent said yesterday.

More than 11,000 people reportedly have applied for the honour ahead of today's deadline.

The advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi has been involved in lining up commercial sponsorship for the trip. Some sponsors may support scientific projects, others may simply want to be identified with the flight.

"It may well come down to the type of camera the British astronauts use, of what sort of shoes he wears," said agency spokesman Bill Jones.

"If we are successful, this guy will go up looking like a racing driver."

The mission, which will carry Britain's first astronaut into orbit from a launching pad in the Soviet Union, will be financed entirely by the sale of commercial opportunities, the New York Times said. That includes the sale of space aboard the Soviets' MIR Space Station for scientific payloads.

The Times reported that more than 10,000 men and women responded to an advertisement Saatchi placed in several British newspapers in late June that carried the headline: "Astronaut wanted. No experience necessary."

The ethics law, aimed at curtailing an exchange of personnel between some federal agencies and private industry, takes effect that day.

The rules will bar federal contractors from hiring government officials who have supervised their competitors' projects.

Another who is quitting tomorrow is William Ballhaus, director of NASA's Ames Research Centre in California. NASA said Ballhaus was unhappy with "inadequate compensation for senior federal executives and vague new post-government employment regulations."

"My family situation is such that public service in the current

environment is no longer a viable option for me," said Ballhaus, who had been with the agency for 18 years.

Ballhaus joined NASA in 1964 and was deeply involved in the Apollo programme, which culminated in man's first landing on the Moon. NASA celebrations of that anniversary next week are expected to include a call by President George Bush for a revitalized space programme that perhaps may include a goal of landing on Mars or colonizing the Moon.

A US mission could be back on the moon by the year 2,000, barely three decades after the Apollo landing there, Trudy said yesterday.

Retarded man executed

ATMORE, Alabama, July 14, (AP): A mildly retarded killer died in Alabama's electric chair early today after prison officials botched a first execution attempt by improperly hooking up the chair's electrical connections.

Stricken pilot survives ocean crash

'Nobody ever expected him to be alive'



Root's plane crashes into the ocean Thursday off Eleuthera Island in Bahamian waters. (Reuter wirephoto)

MIAMI, July 14. (Agencies): Authorities are amazed by the survival of a stricken pilot whose small plane flew hundreds of miles (kilometres) on autopilot, shadowed by military jets, before running out of gas and spiralling into the ocean.

The pilot then emerged from the wreckage yesterday in the Atlantic Ocean, apparently revived by the water, and swam toward his startled rescuers, authorities said.

Thomas Root, a 36-year-old lawyer from Alexandria, Virginia, was pulled from Bahamian waters by Air Force paratroopers four hours after he had first radioed he was in trouble. He was first taken to Nassau and a Coast Guard helicopter then flew him to hospital in Florida.

"For him to survive a crash like that, it just sent us all into shock," said Petty Officer Veronica Cady, a Coast Guard spokesman. "We didn't expect this story to have a happy ending."

The first comments I heard — he's got nine lives. Nobody ever expected him to get out of the water and be alive," said Douglas Johnson, chief air traffic controller at the US Navy's fleet area control and surveillance facility in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Coast Guard Capt. Dr James Rahman said Root may have passed out from carbon monoxide poisoning in the cockpit of his single-engine Cessna and that water splashing in his face apparently roused him.

"He was in shock, but he was alert and coherent. He reached 10,000 feet (3,000 m) when he passed out," said Ahmad.

"He said the next sensation he felt was water coming into the cabin."

Root was taken to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, where he underwent three hours of exploratory surgery for possible

internal injuries.

A spokeswoman at the hospital said Root, a self-employed communications lawyer was suffering from a rupture of an undetermined abdominal organ.

After the operation, his condition was upgraded from critical to stable, said hospital spokeswoman Cynthia Wine.

The drama began about 8:30 am (1230 GMT) yesterday when Root, who had taken off from Washington National Airport about 6:30 am (1030 GMT) for Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

radioed air traffic controllers in Virginia.

"Yes sir we're having a little problem up here," Root told controllers, according to a tape of the conversation played by Washington television station WRC-TV.

"Seem to have a little trouble breathing," said Root, who also reported chest pain. "How far am I to Rocky Mount now?"

"You're about 17 minutes from Rocky Mount," replied an unidentified controller.

There was no further radio

contact, and military pilots who tailed the plane reported he was slumped behind the controls as his plane flew south off the coast, occasionally getting within 100 miles (160 kilometres) of the shore.

Military pilots and rescuers trained to parachute into the ocean to save ditched pilot could only watch helplessly as their aircraft tracked the plane until it ran out of gas.

After more than 3 1/2 hours of radio silence, the plane spiralled into the water and Root was

rescued, 800 miles (1,287 kilometres) from his original destination in North Carolina, southeast of Miami.

Coast Guard Lieut Commander Gary Poll, who was at the scene in a jet when Root crashed, said the plane was at about 7,000 feet (2,133 metres) when it began spiralling in like a corkscrew and spinning down at about 2,000 feet (609 metres) per minute.

Poll said the nose and left wing hit the water at the same time and the plane swiveled on its belly on a 360-degree spin.

35, said of the daylong wait for news.

"This is somebody you've loved and lived with a long time. The suddenness of it, the breathtaking, awful," she said. "It was very exhausting, very difficult to deal with."

She spoke with reporters late in the afternoon on her front porch after accepting delivery of a pizza. She had missed lunch in all the excitement.

Asked how she was feeling, Mrs. Root said, "tired and nervous and pretty much exhausted."

She was planning to fly to Miami soon to join her husband.

She said she was updated throughout the day about the status of plane and eventually saw TV pictures of her husband being pulled from the water.

When hospital officials finally called from Florida with the news that her husband was awake and in serious but guarded condition, "I said to tell him, 'Root, you really did it this time.'

Erosion of ozone detected in Arctic

LONDON, July 14. (Reuters): US scientists believe pollution may now be damaging the Arctic's protective ozone shield over the Arctic as well as the Antarctic, according to a leading scientific journal.

But the scientists suggested that the distribution of the ozone, a form of oxygen, over the North Pole made the Arctic less vulnerable to attack than the Antarctic.

David Hofmann, leader of a University of Wyoming research group, said in the latest edition of *Nature* magazine that the team found signs of ozone erosion last winter using sensors lifted to high altitudes by balloons.

"It is quite likely we are witnessing the onset of a phenomenon identical to that which takes place in the Antarctic stratosphere, except at higher altitudes in the Arctic," Hofmann said.

The sensors detected special clouds known to foster reactions that break down industrial pollutants in the upper atmosphere. These pollutants, known as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), then release chlorine gas which attacks the ozone layer.

Leading industrial countries had already pledged to cut production of CFCs. But West Germany has said it will use a Paris summit of Western economic powers this week to press for a complete ban by the year 2000.

CFCs are widely used in aerosol spray cans, refrigeration and other industrial processes.

Hofmann said the ozone layer, which screens out harmful solar rays that can damage human tissue and cause cancer, had been depleted by only three per cent in the Arctic, compared with some 50 per cent in the Antarctic.

"The amount of apparent ozone deficit observed in the Arctic is very small," he said.

Hofmann said the ozone depletion, measured over Kiruna, northern Sweden, was taking place at a much higher level in the Arctic than that in the Antarctic.

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Disgraced hero put to death

4 Cubans executed

MEXICO CITY, July 14. (Agencies): Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, a hero of the Cuban revolution and a close friend of President Fidel Castro, was executed yesterday along with three other senior officials for betraying the nation by trafficking in drugs, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said.

The executions ended one of most traumatic moments in Cuban history since Castro came to power 30 years ago.

Only hours after the execution, Castro who had dropped out of sight on June 12 after Ochoa and 13 other officers were arrested, returned to his routine by visiting workers who are building homes.

A three-member military court last Friday found Ochoa, former Interior Ministry official Col Antonio de la Guardia, Secret Police official Maj. Amado Padron and Ochoa's military aide, Capt. Jorge Martinez, guilty of treason and sentenced them to death by a firing squad.

"Today at dawn a sentence dictated by a special military tribunal was carried out against the accused," Prensa Latina said, identifying the four men without further comment. The news agency dispatch from the capital Havana was monitored in Mexico City.

The much-decorated Ochoa had fought in the popular uprising led by Castro that overthrew Dictator Fulgencio Batista on Jan 1, 1959. The general, a close friend of Castro's, had also led Cuban troops in Angola, Ethiopia and Nicaragua.

The four were among 14 senior military and Interior Ministry officials arrested last month in the harshest crackdown on corruption and drug trafficking since the revolution. The other 10 defendants were given jail terms of between 10 and 30 years.

Two cabinet ministers also were fired in the crackdown.

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Ochoa is shown during his trial. (Reuter wirephoto)

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined comment on the executions and said the administration was taking a "wait-and-see" attitude regarding the sincerity of Castro's anti-drug statements.

A Havana-based diplomat, whose Third World country maintains close ties with Cuba, said Castro supported the executions, believing they would help restore channels of communication between the United States and Cuba and strengthen his grip on the government.

"Castro was clearly in favour of the execution," the diplomat, who asked not to be identified, told United Press International in a telephone interview from Cuba.

"By doing this (supporting the executions), Castro has given his clean image and strengthened his position in the party."

The diplomat said Castro wanted to clear US charges of

drug trafficking and wanted to show Washington and others that no Cuban official will be spared if found guilty of corruption and (drug) trafficking.

"Castro personally felt betrayed by Ochoa," the diplomat said.

General Abelardo Colome Ibarra, Cuba's interior minister, commented: "How deeply they have wounded Fidel, how much they have harmed him, how much they have made him suffer. I believe that this has left a permanent mark on his health."

Prensa Latina quoted Castro as saying Tuesday that the accused "must have felt they were the most untouchable people in the world." Since they were led by a hero of the revolution, a division general, a man with the prestige that Ochoa had.

Meanwhile six top officials of Cuba's police and state security apparatus have resigned and another has been fired, the government announced today.

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Under that programme, private insurers assume responsibility for 20 per cent of the insurance for the department's mortgages. The newspaper said the FBI has been to look into the affairs of DRG Funding Corp., once the largest co-insurer but now suspended from the programme.

Panel sceptical about prospects of cold fusion

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP): An advisory panel to the US Energy Department has recommended no new government effort to verify the University of Utah's "cold fusion" experiments that startled the international scientific community last March.

The panel, assembled at the request of Energy Secretary James D. Watkins in April, said in a draft report that it found no "convincing evidence" that the phenomena attributed to cold fusion would produce useful sources of energy.

"Evidence for the discovery of a new nuclear process termed cold fusion is not persuasive," the report said. "Hence, no special programmes to establish cold fusion research centres or to support new efforts to find cold fusion are justified at the present time."

The report by 22 non-government scientists will go to the Energy Research Advisory Board, which is due to make an official recommendation to Watkins by July 31.

A British scientist and a colleague from the

University of Utah electrified the science world when they announced they had achieved cold fusion. They said the decomposition of water at room temperature into hydrogen and oxygen by an electric current passing through a palladium electrode leads to the absorption of hydrogen atoms in the electrode, which then fuse to produce helium and large amounts of heat.

If such a process could work on a large scale, it would make possible limitless supplies of cheap energy.

Committee questions authority of Kemp

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP): Housing Secretary Jack Kemp is assuring worried members of Congress that he acted within his authority in suspending some programmes amid allegations of influence-peddling and mismanagement.

Meanwhile, in New York, two former law enforcement officers and 11 other people were indicted on charges stemming from an investigation into fraud and misuse of funds in a federally subsidised housing programme.

"These people are devoid of any conscience. The sad part is that they deprived deserving families of a roof over their heads," Suffolk County District Attorney Patrick Henry said after a county grand jury issued seven indictments.

The announcement of the indictments on Wednesday came as similar programmes funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development across the nation are being scrutinised amid revelations of fraud, corruption and influence peddling.

Meanwhile, the Senate Banking Committee planned to vote yesterday on whether to begin its own investigation of the scandals that have surfaced at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The committee was also to consider the nomination of Frank Keating as HUD's general counsel.

The panel's vote follows two days of intensive questioning of Kemp by two House committees about the future of several troubled programmes at the agency, which provides low-cost housing to the poor and elderly, and underwrites mortgage to middle-class homebuyers.

Members of the House Banking Panel on Wednesday questioned Kemp's legal authority to suspend programmes and warned him not to use scandals at his agency to eliminate programmes for low- or middle-income Americans.

"I wish to emphasise once again, we are the committee that authorises programmes, makes the changes in them, or terminates them," said Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez, chairman of the House Banking Committee.

Saying he has suspended rather than terminated programmes, Kemp replied that he will submit a legal analysis supporting his authority to act.

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All shipshape

The Russian windjammer 'Krusenstern' arrives at the port of Hamburg in West Germany on the 800th anniversary of the Hamburg port. An estimated 400 sailboats will join the celebrations this week. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

BARTOW, Florida: A former live-in maid has pleaded guilty to stealing nearly \$900,000 from an elderly paraplegic woman kept prisoner in her own home.

Barbara June Stevens, 55, could receive three years in prison at sentencing on Aug. 10.

Prosecutors said Ms Stevens confined 71-year-old Valeria Lust to her Lakeland home by taking away the woman's walker — a four-legged support used to move around — and telephone and by giving her illegally obtained prescription drugs to keep her sleepy.

Some of the \$883,534 stolen from the widow in 1987-88 went to Fountain of Life Inc., a TV Ministry in Greenville, North Carolina, and to Sunshine Cathedral in Highland City, authorities said.

Ms Stevens pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges including kidnapping, forgery, grand theft and conspiracy. Prosecutors agreed to drop 55 other charges. She could have received life in prison if convicted as charged. (AP)

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LOS ANGELES: Comedian Roseanne Barr, star of the television series *Roseanne*, filed for divorce on Thursday from her husband of 15 years.

Citing irreconcilable differences, Barr sought custody of her three children — Jessica 14, Jennifer, 13, and Jake, 12 — from her marriage to William Pentland.

Barr's petition, filed with Los Angeles superior court, did not seek child support but said the three children were living with her. (Reuter)

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NEW YORK: New York City's unprecedented fourth term Mayor Edward Koch, who nursed the city back from a serious financial crisis, announced on Thursday that he is running for an unprecedented fourth term.

Koch's declaration, which appeared to be spontaneous, came during an interview on a local radio talk show.

"I'm making my formal announcement on your programme. This is an exclusive for WOR. I am running for a fourth term," he said in response to a question from host Sherry Henry.

Koch, who is Jewish, is the first mayor in New York City's history to seek a fourth term in office.

In his announcement, Koch, whose standing in the polls has declined recently, defended his 12 years in office.

"I believe my three terms will be perceived historically as very good for the city of New York," he said, pointing to the city's recovery from near-bankruptcy in the mid-1970s. (Reuter)

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LONDON: Upsetting a time-honoured tradition of the House of Commons, deputy speaker Betty Boothroyd told a legislator on Wednesday night to stop calling her Mr and start calling her madam.

In accordance with usual practice, legislator Ann Winter, of the ruling Conservative Party referred to Miss Boothroyd as "Mr deputy speaker" as she presided over a late-night debate on food in the absence of

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shultz memoirs

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): British publisher Robert Maxwell said today he had won the world rights to the memoirs of former US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The memoirs, which are expected to appear in 1992, will be published by Charles Scribner's Sons, an imprint of MacMillan Inc which Maxwell owns.

Shultz left office in January after heading the State Department for more than six years during the Reagan administration.

Labour lead

LONDON, July 14, (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party's lead over the ruling Conservatives was put at just four per cent in a new opinion poll published yesterday.

Recent surveys have put Labour ahead at between 10 and 14 points.

But the findings carried by the Guardian newspaper yesterday gave voting intentions as: Conservatives 38 per cent, Labour 42 per cent, Greens eight per cent, Social and Liberal Democrats five per cent, and the SDP four per cent, and the Scottish Nationalists one per cent.

Cleaning up

ROME, July 14, (Reuters): Italian parliamentarians agreed yesterday to spend nearly \$1 billion on cleaning up the Adriatic Sea, where floating yellowish slime has invaded popular beaches and driven away thousands of tourists.

Members of the chamber of deputies voted overwhelmingly to amend a government decree to boost total funds from twenty-fold to 1.33 billion lire (\$980 million).

The amended decree, which covers spending for three years, must now return to the Senate for approval.

Declined to release

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 14, (AP): A Swedish court declined to release Christer Pettersson from jail yesterday, and ordered him to remain in custody to await a verdict on charges that he killed Prime Minister Olof Palme.

"We are continuing our deliberations," said Michael Af Geijerstam, one of the judges in the eight-member tribunal. "The case is not easy."

Geijerstam said the verdict will be published on July 27. The five-week trial ended last Monday.

EEC population

BRUSSELS, July 14, (UPI): The population of the 12 European Economic Community countries has risen to over 325 million, but almost half the increase over the past year is due to immigration, the statistical office Eurostat said yesterday.

On Jan. 1, 1989, the EEC population totalled 325,472,000, an increase of 1,277,000 on an annual basis, Eurostat said.

Its natural growth — births minus deaths — amounted to 669,000 persons. Immigration from non-EEC states totalled 608,000. West Germany alone accounted for 450,000 of the immigrants, the majority coming from eastern countries, Eurostat said.

Crackdown on drugs

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): Armed members of the US Coast Guard have been helping Bolivia's Navy and special police forces crack down on drug trafficking on Bolivian rivers since January, a Coast Guard spokesman said on Wednesday.

Few Americans know about the regular involvement of the US Coast Guard in Bolivia because the service has not sought to publicize it. Also, the Coast Guard is not technically part of the US military, and falls under the Transportation Department.

Opium production

BANGKOK, July 14, (UPI): Opium production in the "Golden Triangle" has doubled over the last five years and is once again the main source of heroin coming to the United States, the US ambassador to Thailand said yesterday.

"We are not winning the war (against drugs) and Southeast Asia is once again the primary source of opium and heroin flowing to the United States and other nations," Daniel O'Donoghue said.

The statement came during the close of a week-long 11-nation workshop in which delegates from Asian nations learned to "sell" messages to their citizens.

25 people dead

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 14, (AP): Two weeks of torrential rains have left at least 25 people dead and 30,000 homeless in the northeastern state of Alagoas, civil defence officials say.

Worst hit by the downpours was the city of Maceio, a coastal capital of 375,000 people, 1,400 miles (2,250 kms) northeast of Rio, where rain-triggered mudslides and 12-foot (4-metre) floodwaters caused power blackouts, paralyzed transportation and left thousands homeless.

Assassination

LIMA, Peru, July 14, (AP): Suspected Shining Path guerrillas assassinated four health workers and two teachers in a small highland village in Northern Ireland, the FBI said yesterday.

The six were shot to death early Tuesday near the town square of Coranquio, 120 miles (195 kms) northeast of Lima, according to Hernando Mantilla, governor of Ancash region. The health workers were working as volunteers in the town in a programme providing free medical service for remote areas, he said.

PRI defeated

MEXICO CITY, July 14, (AP): Official returns show that the National Action Party has swept state elections for a governor, a legislature and two major city halls in Baja California, handing the ruling party its biggest upset ever.

The official returns released Wednesday gave the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, its worst defeat in 60 years of uninterrupted rule.



It's a winner

This photo taken by Argentine photojournalist Daniel Merle of Reuters, won the Inter-American Press Association's "Pedro Joaquin Chamorro" prize for best press photo of 1988. The photo shows an unidentified man who was posing as a press

photographer pulling a gun after he was discovered by real photojournalists outside a military base where rebel soldiers were holed up in December 1988. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mental abuse denied

Film ban may be lifted

Horror movie

BROCKTON, Massachusetts, July 14, (AP): Bill Williams was featured in the film and says it humiliates him. But Vladimir Semyonov was also in "Tic-Tac Follies" and wants the world to see the shocking documentary on a hospital for the criminally insane that was banned from general viewing after its debut 22 years ago.

Williams and Semyonov are among former patients at Bridgewater State Hospital interviewed by a guardian as a state judge considers a renewed request by award-winning filmmaker Frederick Wiseman to finally release his first movie.

The 85 minutes of cinema verite in black and white opened the door to what Superior Court judge Harry Kalter labelled a "nightmare of ghoulish obscenities" when he banned the film at the state's request in 1967 on grounds it violated patients' privacy rights.

The camera captures bare cells housing often nude men, guards taunting patients and general chaos. One man is shown being force-fed as he lies on a table and liquid is poured down a rubber hose shoved into his nose.

The views of Williams, Semyonov and nearly 20 others are central to the case before Superior Court Justice Andrew Gill Meyer, who said Wednesday that he hopes to issue a decision by early next month on whether to lift the ban.

"The stigma will last to my grave," said Williams, who after leaving bridgeplayer in the 1970s went to college and became a drug counselor.

Semyonov, who lives less than a mile from Williams in this gritty city 15 miles south of Boston, feels much differently about the film.

"I want Bridgewater exposed," said Semyonov, who works in a supermarket and champions the mentally ill. "The building is better, but the treatment is the same."

The hospital, built in 1832, has been replaced with new buildings since "Tic-Tac Follies" was made in 1966. The movie took its name from Bridgewater's annual Christmas show. Tic-Tac was the Indian name for the area.

Legal battles over the ban continued for several years. In 1969, the state supreme judicial court upheld the ban on general release but allowed its viewing by audiences of professionals such as lawyers, social workers and psychiatrists.

Wiseman, a three-time Emmy winner, renewed his battle in 1987, saying conditions had deteriorated at Bridgewater following improvements in the 22 years since the film was made.

in mental hospitals.

It called for further revisions of the Soviet criminal code "to remove all prohibitions against expression of political or religious beliefs."

Among the abuses the American team found was the use of antipsychotic medications to treat patients who were thought to have "delusions of reforms" or "anti-Soviet thoughts."

One drug, called sulfazine, which causes severe pain, fever and loss of muscular control, was used "for punitive rather than therapeutic purposes," the American team reported.

In their response, the Soviet psychiatrists said that the government is writing guidelines to restrict the use of such drugs.

Plan to destroy copters alleged

Three arrested in IRA plot

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested an Irish citizen suspected of being a technical expert for the Irish Republican Army and two Americans in an alleged scheme to destroy British helicopters in Northern Ireland, the FBI said yesterday.

Martin Quigley, 27, was arrested at a house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Wednesday and was being held without bail after an appearance before a magistrate in Philadelphia.

Johnson was arrested at his workplace and also is being held also arrested were Richard

7 US soldiers out on the town hurt in attack

TEGUCIGALPA, July 14, (UPI): Seven US military policemen wounded when someone threw a bomb at them on a street in the port city of La Ceiba had left their quarters without permission, a US official said today.

Four of the injured were flown last night to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, for treatment. Hospital spokesman Ray Derby said their conditions were being evaluated.

US embassy spokesman Barclay Charles said the four were "in serious, but stable

condition" before leaving Honduras.

American officials said the names of the victims would not be released until today.

Authorities said the seven MPs were in civilian clothes when the attack occurred early yesterday in the Caribbean port city about 125 miles northeast of the capital of Tegucigalpa. Two other military policemen escaped injury.

The soldiers were assigned to joint Task Force Bravo, based at Enrique Soto Cano Air Base near Comayagua, about 60 miles (96

km) northwest of the capital.

Barclay said the soldiers were in the area to escort a US convoy and were supposed to spend the night at facilities under US-Honduran military control located outside La Ceiba. Instead, they went out on the town.

Barclay also discounted rumours the men had been playing with a grenade that exploded, saying his information was "that an explosive device was thrown at a group of soldiers by some unknown person."

Former Greek premier marries

ATHENS, July 14, (Reuters): After a tortuous romance, former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has married an airline stewardess but faces a summer of investigations into allegations of corruption instead of an island honeymoon.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said Papandreou, 70, after marrying for a third time yesterday.

His wedding to Dimitra Liani, a 34-year-old blonde, closed the chapter on an extramarital affair which scandalized many Greeks and contributed to his election defeat last month.

The socialist former prime minister and his bride beamed and waved to some 2,000 well-wishers at a Greek Orthodox church.

Liani has been treated as the first lady for 10 months although Papandreou was divorced from his American wife, Margaret, only last month.

One guest, former film star and Socialist Culture Minister Melina Mercouri, called the wedding the "best thing to happen to Papandreou in a long time."

The wedding day was marked by a vote in the 300-seat parliament to set up the first of a series of special 12-member investigating committees to look into allegations of widespread corruption during eight years of socialist rule in Greece.

The conservative-communist coalition government kicked off a clean-up campaign with a probe of former Deputy Socialist Economy Minister Nikos Athanasopoulos in connection with missing money from a 1986 illegal grain sale.

The case involves a shipment of 3,000 metric tons of Yugoslav maize which in 1986 was issued with Greek certificates of origin and then sold to an EEC member-state by a Greek state-run company.

The European court issued a ruling against Greece in May this year, citing lost revenues of 182 million drachmas or \$70 million in 1986 which should have been paid on maize imported from a non-EEC country.

New Democracy, in its motion calling for Athanasopoulos's indictment, said that the total damage to Greece in the scandal would come to "at least 600 million drachmas (\$3.6 million)" from reparations demanded by the EEC.

It charged that the former minister was responsible for issuing the false certificates of the maize's origin.

The afternoon daily *Proti* frontpaged a cartoon of Papandreou with Liani coming out of the church greeted by well-wishers throwing maize at them instead of the traditional rice. "Not maize you idiots," shouts Papandreou. "Why Mr Premier," the crowd asks, "It's our own maize from Yugoslavia."

Meanwhile, the coalition government said it will set up a committee next week to probe Papandreou and other former ministers in connection with a bank embezzlement scandal. More than \$200 million is missing.

With 173 deputies in parliament the coalition can call the time. It also wants to investigate the death of the body of a man at the bus stop, the news agency PAP said.

The agency said the body was found at the bus stop of the sea resort of Krynica Morska near Gdansk on Wednesday at 2 am and the victim was identified as Sylwester Zych.

Zych has been the third Polish priest who died in mysterious circumstances this year.

Solidarity source said Polish episcopate set up a special commission which flew to the city of Elblag, northern Poland, where the autopsy will be held today.

The church sources described the case of Niedziela as a "murder" because the priest was found in the pool of blood with a broken spine and no precious objects were stolen from his apartment.

Niedziela held masses in his church to mark the deaths of thousands of Polish soldiers who were sent to the labour camps in the Soviet Union during the World War II. About 1.5 million Poles died in the Soviet camps.

Zych learnt about the boys

NATO to cut armed forces

Warsaw Pact gets Bush's plan

VIENNA, July 14, (UPI): "Determination" to win early cuts in conventional armed forces in Europe led to the early presentation of President Bush's plan to the Warsaw Pact, which praised the quick work but faulted a lack of verification proposals.

Both sides, however, were confident of reaching an agreement within a year.

NATO's expanded position paper was presented yesterday just six weeks after the Western alliance agreed to Bush's proposal to cut US combat manpower by 20 per cent and current NATO equipment levels by 15 per cent.

It outlines details of NATO's concession to the East bloc to include combat aircraft and combat helicopters in the talks, which went into summer recess after yesterday's session.

The revised NATO proposal had not been expected until September.

Michael Eaves, Britain's delegation leader at the conventional armed forces in Europe negotiations, said the early submission emphasised "NATO's determination to achieve early results in this negotiation and more importantly, early reduction of conventional armed forces in Europe."

Soviet delegation leader Oleg Grinevsky said the Warsaw Pact was "satisfied with the results of this session," and praised the West for early presentation of the detailed proposal.

But Grinevsky criticized NATO for not yet making its suggestions for verification or ideas on how to evaluate and count the military equipment involved.

"We cannot exchange information on troops and armaments without having counting rules. We (Warsaw Pact) presented ours two months ago," Grinevsky said.

NATO sources said when the next round begins Sept. 7, they will make their proposals for exchanging information, verification, stabilising measures and non-circumvention provisions.

NATO's expanded proposal calls for destruction of battle tanks, artillery pieces and armoured troop carriers that are removed from Europe under a conventional arms agreement. It sets conditions for combat aircraft and helicopters, specifying the total for both sides is not to exceed 11,400 combat aircraft and 3,900 helicopters.

The proposal also requires no individual country have more than 30 per cent of the overall limits in each category, the alliance have 50 per cent of the total, and the aircraft and helicopters removed from Europe are to be destroyed. This would be 15 per cent below NATO's current total for combat aircraft and helicopters.

Eaves said: "The levels we have proposed today would adequately safeguard the defensive needs of the members of either alliance and will thus meet the objectives of the mandate of these negotiations."

"These levels require the Western participants to make substantial reductions in their holdings in both categories," Eaves said.

Zych left his friend's home three days ago and was found at the bus stop without his identity card.

The Rev. Mieczyslaw Jezewski, of Elblag (northern Poland) an investigation has been opened following the finding of the body of a man at the bus stop, the news agency PAP said.

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killed in shootout

MMU, India, July 14, (AP): A police patrol yesterday opened fire on a group of rebels in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir State, and at least six people were killed in the shootout, witnesses said. The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said in a telephone interview that the victims included four policemen and two rebels. They said at least 15 people were wounded.

quake in Albania

ELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 14, (AP): A moderate earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter Scale and also felt in vast areas of neighbouring Yugoslavia, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage in Albania. Tanjug said the quake left no damage or injuries after it jolted southern Yugoslavia at 8:52 am (0652 GMT).

0 reported dead

ANGKOK, Thailand, July 14, (AP): At least 20 people were killed when a Soviet military plane carrying Soviet and Vietnamese officials crashed in central Vietnam, the Kyodo news Agency said in a report seen yesterday.

The Japanese news agency's report quoted "reliable sources" as saying that a 20-member Soviet military delegation and several Vietnamese officers were killed in the crash Saturday.

cocaine haul

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 14, (AP): Puerto Rican police yesterday said they seized \$30 million worth of cocaine from a boat on a beach in the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

Police spokesman Tony Santiago said the 120 pounds (55 kilograms) of cocaine were found in an abandoned boat on San Vieques beach in Vieques, located off Puerto Rico's east coast.

He said there were no arrests.

Doctor arrested

OKYO, July 14, (AP): A doctor was arrested today for allegedly threatening the Mayor of Nagasaki because of the mayor's earlier remarks critical of the late emperor, dice said.

Shigeru Kajiwara, 62, head of a private hospital in Nagasaki, was arrested for sending Nagasaki Mayor Hitoshi Motomochi a letter containing a bullet, according to Tohoku Nippon, spokesman for Nagasaki prefectural police.

aid shelved

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): In a "black" for the "administration" of resident George Bush, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday shelved a bid to give US weapons to the non-communist opposition in Cambodia.

After that decision and several others, the panel voted 17-0 to report the Senate floor a bill authorizing \$1.6 billion in foreign aid for the two fiscal years, a period beginning next Oct. 1.

bovine rampage

JAKARTA, Indonesia, July 14, (AP): Hundreds of cows ran amok in the capital's crowded markets, injuring at least 100 people waiting to buy meat for an Islamic celebration, officials said yesterday.

Wednesday, police said, several hundred cows in the central Jalan Bazaar and Gabeh market in the northeastern outskirts paniced because of noisy crowds and jostled through the shoppers.

Emergency eased

ELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 14, (AP): Yugoslavia's state presidency yesterday partially lifted state of emergency measures imposed in the clinically troubled southern province of Kosovo last February and March, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

However, a measure banning "all gatherings for the purpose of staging demonstrations" remains in force. Tanjug said quoting a statement by the country's top eight-member body.

alwan parliament

AIPEI, July 14, (Reuters): An opposition politician, serving as a legislator who have faced the electorate for four decades, brought the Taiwan parliamentary session to a bitter conclusion today.

The final day ended with an argument over the right of the majority of government legislators to sit their seats.

Opposition deputies repeated calls for the immediate retirement of hundreds of Nationalist party legislators frozen in office since they were elected in China in 1949 during the civil war.

leader arrested

SEUL, South Korea, July 14, (AP): Police charged into a Catholic building yesterday and arrested the leader of a teachers' union as demonstrators and class boycotts protesting a government ban on the union forced least nine schools to begin early visit.

Ahsan said the provincial government of the North West Frontier Province, where most of the poppies are grown, "has played a very important, very effective role," in combatting drug production, despite counter-measures by drug profiteers.

It is a government which has been under siege politically for the last one month and an enormous amount of money has been chasing its members in the provincial assembly in attempts to buy them off," he said.

But nonetheless the provincial government had destroyed crops and made arrests, Ahsan said.

He said the eight-month-old Benazir government's anti-drug drive had eradicated 1,708 acres (691 hectares) of poppy crops, more than half the total and three times more than the previous government achieved in nine years.

Court acquits Filipino soldiers of massacre

MANILA, Philippines, July 14, (AP): A military court yesterday acquitted 23 soldiers of massacring 17 civilians, and another tribunal dismissed charges against a prominent officer on trial for alleged involvement in a bloody August 1987 coup attempt.

A six-member court martial ruled unanimously

that there was insufficient evidence to convict the 23 members of the Army's 14th battalion of killing the civilians in the town of Lupao on Feb 10, 1987.

In a separate case, another court dismissed charges against Air Force Lt Col Eduardo "Red" Kapunan, who had been accused of organising cadets at the Philippine Military Academy to join a

Aug 28, 1987, attempt to overthrow President Corazon Aquino.

Three of the defendants also were acquitted of charges they stole 10,000 (\$500) from the survivors. The court ordered a lieutenant, a sergeant and two privates arrested after defendants claimed they carried out the killing in the village, 135 kilometres (85 miles) of Manila.

Arnel de Guzman, secretary-general of the

Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace, called yesterday's acquittals "preposterous" and said the ruling would "embolden military men to go on indiscriminately shooting unarmed civilians in the name of counter-insurgency war."

Police rounded up hundreds of male residents of Manila's Muslim quarter yesterday after suspected robbers who traded gunshots with police fled into the crowded neighbourhood.



Black smoke rises into the sky from an underwater volcanic explosion on Thursday off the coast of Ito City in Japan, after a series of tremors jolted the area since late June. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ito next on the list.

Volcano to erupt again

ITO, Japan, July 14, (Reuter): A baby volcano appears ready to hatch somewhere off this Japanese seaside resort as residents wait with a mixture of fear and excitement to see where it emerges.

For days, Ito has been jolted by earthquakes and tremors as volcanic magma churns below the surface of the Earth.

Yesterday, magma shot up into the sea just two miles off the town of 72,000 people, and a strong quake shook the area again today, affecting Tokyo 100 km (60 miles) to the northeast.

Experts say the latest convulsions of the Earth's crust fit a pattern which suggest Ito itself may be the next centre of activity.

"I can't be certain, but the eruptions have been occurring on a fault line that points to an area near the populated area of Ito," Takashi Tada of the government's Geological Survey Institute told the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper.

Tada, the only specialist who predicted an underwater eruption in the area, said yesterday's blast was directly related to the 1986 eruption of Mount Miura on nearby Oshima island.

All the schools and many shops in Ito were closed

Attack in Papua New Guinea

3 Australians shot, hurt

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 14, (AP): Three Australian mine workers were shot and wounded in an ambush today by militant landowners in the second attack this week against Australian expatriates, officials said.

A security forces spokesman said the men, Bougainville Copper Ltd employees, were shot near the closed Panguna mine while driving in a convoy under police escort.

The three workers were treated for shotgun pellet wounds at the company's medical centre and later released. The three suffered throat, neck and facial wounds, said BCL general manager Grant Thorne.

A security forces spokesman said police fired back, but

apparently did not hit any of the attackers.

The attack was the second in three days on Australians working on troubled Bougainville island, where a state of emergency is in force.

On Wednesday, three Australian civilians who fly helicopters for the security forces escaped unhurt when they were fired on while driving to the town of Arawa.

Twenty-two people including three soldiers have been killed since last November when secessionist rebels launched a guerrilla warfare campaign. They forced the giant open-cut mine at Panguna to shut down in May.

In Port Moresby, meantime, the parliament voted overwhelmingly to approve the state of emergency on Bougainville and extend it for another two months. A four-week state of emergency declared on June 26 was due to expire next Tuesday.

That same month another Australian mine employee was shot in the stomach in an attack

by rebels. The rebels also are demanding the equivalent of \$10 billion in land compensation.

The mine, ranked among the world's largest, accounts for 45 per cent of Papua New Guinea's export income and 17 per cent of its internal revenue.

Papua New Guinea, with a mainly Melanesian population of 3.5 million people, is a former Australian colony. It is located just north of Australia. There are about 15,000 Australian expatriates in the country.

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CID still registering fingerprints

Extensive procedures used to solve crime

THE director-general of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Colonel Saad Al Barjes has said that the CID project to re-register the fingerprints of all citizens and expatriates over 17 years old is still going on. He added that this project has so far been successful. 1,500,000 people have been registered so far, he said, and added that all of these fingerprints will

be entered into the computer in the near future according to instructions of the interior minister. Entering of fingerprints in the computer will help solve many previous crimes committed by unknown persons, Barjes said.

Section

He pointed out that the CID has opened two sections for crime detectives in Jahra and

Ahmadi governorates in order to facilitate a quick response so that the crime scene might be preserved intact thus aiding evidence.

Labs

These sections are also provided with the latest equipment and the officers there are ready to receive notification of crimes in the two governorates

round-the-clock, Barjes said. Barjes pointed out that the CID has modern criminal labs that examine the evidence of accidents and crimes by following the latest scientific methods. CID plays a distinctive role in introducing technical experience in all cases referred to it by courts, prosecution and investigation authorities and submit suitable reports on them. The

criminal labs are provided with specialised cadres in criminal research. The labs are using latest methods and equipment to recognise drugs, pharmaceuticals, paints and cosmetics used in crimes. These labs analyse all samples of materials that are suspected to be poisons or harmful materials which are referred to the CID by the Health Ministry, he added.

Kuwaiti youth learn pearl-diving skills

Expeditions from KSSC

KUWAIT, July 14, (AP): Young Kuwaitis are relearning the pearl diving skills on which their forefathers depended before oil was discovered in the northern Gulf state.

Veteran Kuwaiti seamen are teaching them the old ways of combing the oyster banks that lie on the seabed.

"We want to teach the young boys how Kuwait was built, how their fathers and grandfathers lived," said Hassan Rajab, a man of the sea for 40 years, who organises the Kuwait Sea Sports Club (KSSC) pearlling expeditions.

Usually six big dhows and six smaller ones take 110 young men and boys on a two-week voyage of rediscovery.

Oil has brought Kuwait enormous wealth, and with it computers, fast cars, television, air-conditioning and other modern luxuries.

But despite these advantages, Rajab said in a recent interview: "All the goodness of the old life has gone. We're trying to bring it back again. We feel that lots of boys don't know what life was like before."

At the turn of the century, pearlling was the Gulf's most important industry, involving an estimated 74,000 people and 4,500 boats.

More than 10,000 men worked in Kuwait's pearlling fleet of 1,000 ships during the season between May and October.

The work was dangerous and exhausting. Lung diseases were common among the divers. Most lost their hearing after a few

seasons because of burst ear-drums.

Crewmen got a share of the profits instead of a regular wage. A poor haul meant hard times for an entire community.

But the pearlling industry collapsed suddenly in 1930, when the Japanese discovered how to produce cultured pearls.

After oil was discovered in Kuwait in 1938, pearl diving and trading was abandoned and a vital part of Kuwait's seafaring heritage virtually disappeared.

The Kuwait Sea Sports Club launched the pearlling expeditions three years ago. The Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, a staunch supporter of preserving Kuwait's heritage, provided the dhows. The young divers offer him the pearls they find.

Unlike the old days, when fleets of pearlling dhows and sampans with crews of up to 50 men each, often including professional story-tellers and musicians to entertain the men, anchored over the pearl beds at night, Rajab's youngsters spend the days at sea and nights on the beach.

There is no modern equipment aboard the wooden fishing boats and dhows and youngsters use no fancy navigational aids or scuba gear, just like it was in the old days.

The trip is not without its perils. There are sharks, sea urchins, and jelly fish to contend with. Storms and a blazing sun can also make life difficult.

But after two weeks, the boy

feel "as though they can protect

themselves from any danger," Rajab said.

Ahmed Al Mejabi, 22, one of the young men on a recent expedition, said it wasn't easy, but worth the effort.

"I feel that the sea is running in my blood now," he said.

Not everyone stays the course.

"The naughty boys, the weak boys, the lazy boys, are all sent away," Rajab said.

The divers' day starts at 4.30 am when Rajab wakes them with a blast of his whistle as they sleep on the beach.

The divers wash with salt water because fresh water is used for drinking then kneel for Muslim dawn prayers.

Breakfast is light, usually only tea and a biscuit.

The divers then prepare their boats and if the wind is good, all the dhows are in the water by 6 am and sail out about four miles (six kilometres).

The crew drops anchor. Before they dive into the turquoise waters of the Gulf, the boys slip a small net around their necks and loop a rope around one foot. The other is held by a "hauler" on board.

Every diver has his own hauler, who pulls him up. Pearl divers usually carry heavy stones, attached to a separate rope, to give them a rapid descent and save the air in their lungs to scoop up the oysters.

In pearlling's heyday, a good diver could stay down for up to 40 or 50 seconds. Few could do more than a minute. Depending on the water, divers made as many as 50 plunges a day.



Pearl diving — the traditional way. (File picture)

Essential services continue at Eid

WORKING during week days is a "normal" duty, but working through the Eid holidays is a national calling which should not be evaded.

A local daily interviewed a number of employees on the onset of Eid Al Adha to ascertain their personal opinions on their concepts as to how it feels to work at a time when all the population are in fact enjoying a break.

Ezzat Ibrahim, an employee at the Control Room in the General Civil Aviation Department said to him Eid is an incentive to exert himself towards enhanced services to travellers.

He added that he works according to the shift system which requires employees to work during holidays to provide the general public with streamlined facilities at Kuwait's International Airport.

Basheer Al Balour, another employee at Kuwait International Airport said that working through Eid holidays has become mandatory and he does feel he is contributing to the welfare of the public during these days.

The daily, also interviewed another section of employees, Molaq Metab, a fire official said that their work aims at protecting life and property of individuals and that particularly during the Eid holidays, their services are even more in demand than during normal periods of the year.

Liquid fertilisers best for Kuwait plant growth: official

SCIENTIFIC researches conducted by PIC in co-operation with the agricultural experiments station of the Public Authority for Agriculture have confirmed that urea and liquid fertilisers are considered the best chemical fertilisers in Kuwait.

These offer the main nutrients for soil — basically nitrogen that gives the green colour for plants, phosphate that adds to the growth of roots and potassium that contributes to the resistance of diseases among plants.

The high level of nitrogen fertiliser used by farmers is attributed to the increased percentage of nitrogen (46 per cent) in addition to the price being comparatively low.

PIC pays special concern to

the production of liquidised fertilisers and has built a plant in Shuaiba Industrial Area that can produce about 1,000 tons of this fertiliser annually. The plant operates on an 8-hour basis. The scope of increasing the production of these fertilisers should the need arise, is three-fold — working a 24-hour shift.

The liquidised fertiliser can be produced with different percentages of the main elements such as: nitrogen, phosphate and potassium — depending on the particular needs of a farmer's growth requirement, Abdul Bagi Al Nouri, chairman and managing director of Petrochemical Industries (PIC) said.

Nouri pointed out that PIC is seeking to produce other kinds of chemical fertilisers after under-

taking economic feasibility studies on these industries. PIC has external joint projects of phosphate fertilisers in Tunisia and Turkey. Commenting on co-operation among the GCC states in this field, he said that GCC states established a joint company called the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) which is owned equally by Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. The company is based in Bahrain and produces ammonia and methanol. Kuwait PIC markets all products of the GPIC in the international markets.

Nouri added that Kuwait is a pioneer in the field of petrochemical industries. The plants of the company produce 990,000 tons of ammonia and 792,000 tons of urea annually.

Hard times for Gulf air-conditioning industry

DOHA, July 14, (KUNA): The Gulf air-conditioning industry is facing a number of difficulties that had negatively reflected on production capacity and the marketing of products, according to a study released here today.

A survey of air-conditioning assembly plants in the Gulf region, prepared by the Doha-based Gulf Industrial Consultancy Organisation, recommended local manufacture of the industry's components, rather than importing them from abroad, and imposition of a protective tax as the remedy for the industry's problems.

It pointed out that the existing nine assembly plants in the region, four are situated in Saudi Arabia, two in Bahrain and one in each of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman.

Though locally-assembled air-conditioning units are up to world standards and are of best quality under licence from reputed foreign firms, they are selling less on the markets, it indicated.

The report attributed the weak sales to the high production costs, high foreign competition, marketing problems, low customs duties charged on imports and prevailing consumption trends which prefer foreign to local products.

Water pipes to be changed before 1992

AN official source at the Ministry of Electricity and Water expects that the first phase of changing the existing asbestos drinking water pipes to ductile pipes will be completed by 1992.

The first phase covers the areas between the first and fourth ring roads. The source added that the project has already been completed in some areas like Dasma, Shaab and Dueya and the project is underway in some other areas like Shamriya, Shuaibah and others.

The source said that the project will be completed in other areas by 1992. The source added that ductile pipes can resist high pressures, and other external factors.

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Rqobah expresses satisfaction at outcome of European tour

Homoud Al Salman Al Sabah will leave tomorrow to take part in the fair and to exhibit scientific inventions and products in this fair in which 72 countries are taking part.

He added that Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Tunisia, Algeria, Lebanon and Egypt are among the Arab and foreign countries that will participate in the fair.

He added that the delegation will participate in the inter-

national contest that will be held at the fair by three new scientific programmes, the first is the solar telescope, the second is on robotics and the third is a programme on mathematics.

The science club will also participate in the meetings of the International Scientific Institute in France and will be represented by deputy board chairman Adnan Al Mair and the secretary-general Dawoud Al Ahmed during the fair.

He added that the delegation will participate in the inter-

BONN, July 14, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Abdullah Al Rqobah has expressed satisfaction at the positive outcome of his current European tour, which yesterday took him from West Germany to Australia.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, the minister said his visit to Hungary, the first leg of the tour, had been at the official invitation of his Hungarian counterpart for talks on boosting bilateral links in the fields of

power and water.

He said during his stay in Budapest, he also had talks with the minister of economy on fostering closer ties between the two friendly states.

Interest

Rqobah pointed out that an route to Bonn, the second leg of the tour, he stopped over in Munich and visited the electric and electronic manufacturer Siemens to acquaint himself with the latest equipment.

The Kuwaiti official said in Bonn, he had talks with the Federal Minister of Economy, Dr Helmut Haussman, who showed a great interest in consolidating economic ties with Kuwait.

Agreement

According to Rqobah he and the German minister discussed avenues of increasing bilateral links particularly in the industrial field.

Scientific co-operation between West German universities

and the Ministry of Scientific Research on one hand, and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research on the other, also came up in the talks.

Rqobah

Rqobah pointed out that he had signed a scientific co-operation agreement with West Germany to include petrochemicals and other fields.

High-performance training for Kuwaiti technicians is a prime target of future co-operation with Federal Germany, the minister concluded.

Action Line

1) MY MAID wants to transfer to another employer when her one year contract expires later this year. I'm ready to release her, but I would like to know the procedure for the transfer, especially whether she needs to leave the country or can she transfer locally. She has been in Kuwait since 1983.

2) My maid is working part-time with my approval for another family. Now I'm told by some that this is illegal and that I might be fined, whereas others claim that this rule is for the private sector only. Could you please clarify?

1. AS you may be aware, domestic servants (holding visa no. 20) are not covered by the labour law. The only document she needs is a release letter from the sponsor, in this case yourself, to seek a transfer of residence. The transfer can be done locally, at the nearest immigration department, if her next employer so desires. There is no need for her to leave the country. However, your presence may be required to complete the transfer of visa formalities.

2) It is illegal for a maid to work for someone other than her employer. Immigration rules do not permit domestic servants to work "part time", even with the approval of the sponsor. As she is breaking the immigration rules, she can be deported if the authorities discover her working for another family. The employer won't be fined but he would have to bear the cost of repatriating her, i.e. buy her air ticket to her country of origin.

MY DAUGHTER'S passport expires on Aug 8, 1989. Her residence permit, dependent visa, is valid until September 30, 1989. We renewed her passport in May 1989 and it is now valid until 1994. But the renewed passport is a separate booklet, attached to the original passport under seal and signature of the embassy.

My daughter is in India and will be returning to Kuwait in September. Will there be any problem for her to enter Kuwait as the residence is stamped on the passport even though a renewed passport is attached to it?

Is there the necessity to have the present residence stamped now on the new passport as well?

QUERIES reveal that there should no problem at the time of entry as the renewed passport has been sealed and stamped by the embassy. But if you wanted to be extra cautious, you could get the visa stamped in her new passport.

I HAVE obtained a new visa and would be changing my employer. I have to go back to my country and return on the new visa. My wife has her own working visa but my children are on my sponsorship. Will they be affected? Will the children have to go to India with me?

K. Singh

YOUR children, presumably, have a valid residence permit, in which case they are allowed to stay in Kuwait. However, if their visas have expired, they would have to return with you.

After you return on a new visa, and complete your visa formalities, you must make the necessary changes with the concerned authorities.

I AM working as a housemaid. I will complete my two year contract term by the end of this year. My mother is likely to undergo a major surgery in October this year. As she takes care of my children, when she is hospitalized, my presence would be essential. So, I would like to be home two months before my contract expires. My employer may allow a short holiday but if my presence is needed for a longer period, and in the meantime, the residence permit expires, can I come to Kuwait on a new visa with another employer?

Rani

IF YOUR employers allow you to go on vacation before the contract ends, then there should be no problem. You must also inform your employers that you may overstay in your country.

According to the immigration rules, a person's visa is automatically cancelled if he or she stays outside Kuwait for a period of six months. In such cases, a person can return to Kuwait, provided they have a new

Kuwait celebrates Eid Al Adha

KUWAIT and the entire Muslim world Thursday celebrated Eid Al Adha (Sacrificial Feast) by offering prayers and slaughtering sheep.

The slaughter of sheep is designed to remind all Muslims of the need for sacrifice. Translated, this ritual slaughter is distributed to the needy families and denotes Muslim charity to those who have been less fortunate than the donor.

HH the Amir offered Eid prayers at the State Grand Mosque in downtown Kuwait. HH was joined by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla, other ministers and senior state officials.

Following the prayers, HH the Amir and entourage headed to the Sief Palace where HH received well-wishers.

HH the Amir then headed to Al Sharq area to return felicitations on the happy occasion.

Eid is an occasion celebrated the world over by all Muslims—irrespective of their social standing in society. The gestures of brotherhood and felicitations exchanged during this auspicious occasion are clearly evident in public. This Eid, Kuwait slaughtered over 80,000 sheep, according to officials count. Those that have been slaughtered privately and distributed to the needy cannot be accounted for. It is customary of many Muslims not to publish their acts of charity. Eid is an occasion that is looked forward to both by those in power and others not so fortunate to praise the designs of Allah.



A young boy looks upset knowing his pet would soon be led to slaughter.



HH the Amir receiving well-wishers at Sief Palace.



Leading the sheep to slaughter...



... and completing the sacrifice.



Expatriates greeting each other after Eid prayers. Photos by Javed Basra

Plants sales up Greener plan in full swing

OWNERS and employees at the plants nurseries said that the call given by HH the Amir for afforestation and implementing Kuwait's "Greener Plan" has increased the purchase volume of plants. They said that most people opt for buying indoor plants, particularly those which do not require much care. They added that a large number of their customers are old ladies. Men usually opt for garden (outdoor) plants while ladies insist on buying indoor plants. They said that some of their outdoor plants are cultivated in Kuwait while the rest are imported from countries like Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and others. Indoor plants are usually imported from Holland, South America and Southeast Asia.

Abdul Rahman Mustafa, an agricultural engineer and owner of a nursery at Al Rai area, where most of the nurseries are located, said that the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources helps them by supplying pesticides and other forms of assistance. He added that the call given by HH the Amir for afforestation has remarkably increased the number of customers.

Sales

Mohammad Dawas, another nursery owner, said that sales of plants are adversely affected during long holidays and summer vacation. But he said that the number of customers increases on Thursdays and Fridays. He proposed that plants should be supplied to government houses before they are distributed to citizens to attract the public attention to plants and landscaping.

Farouq Abboushi said that agricultural engineers look after

Pharmacist insurance proposed

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE director of the Pharmaceutical Services Department at the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Abdullah Assad urged pharmacists in Kuwait to join in personal and professional insurance programmes. He also urged them to conduct regular self-evaluation for technical, professional and service capabilities and skills rendered by them.

In an interview with a local daily, Assad pointed out that this profession in Kuwait has witnessed a heightened pace of development during the past few years which called for a review of academic programmes at pharmacy colleges including new advancements in the field. He said that it has now become necessary to re-organise professional duties of pharmacists at different locations to be commensurate with actual requirements for health services.

Publications

He invited pharmacists to take part in activities related to the formation of health services, plans and programmes on the rationalisation of spending and other programmes through participating in concerned committees.

Among the approved projects is one concerned with the preparation of a main and strategic greener plan for the medium term (1990-1995) and long-term (1995-2005).

Guidelines for the main plan and establishment of the overall framework to direct the course of landscaping projects to ensure the compatibility of the short-term plan with future plans, has been established.

The Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources is the party responsible for implementing greener projects. It undertakes studies to select landscaping plants, developing agricultural practices and studying range management and re-vegetation of desert areas.

The Supreme Committee for the Afforestation of Kuwait, is in charge of implementing the Amiri Greener Plan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patrol commands

PATROL commands at Ahmadi Governorate have been established to reduce pressure on police centres and to alleviate the workload of other security authorities.

In an interview with the internal magazine of Ministry of the Interior (Dakhliya) the commander of police patrols at Ahmadi Governorate Major Mohammed Al Qahtani, said that patrols work three shifts a day. These patrols are connected with the operations room of the command through wireless communications.

Patrols liaise with all authorities and provide feed back on any pertinent security issue, the official said.

Four killed in collision

A non-Kuwaiti, and his three sons, died Tuesday after his pick-up was involved in a multi-car collision on the coastal road off the Sulaihikhat area. The collision also involved a jeep and two other cars whose drivers sustained injuries. The four victims died on the spot.

Holiday season compounds recession: traders

No buying spree this Eid

TRADERS at the various markets in Kuwait have complained that recession that has been hitting the local market has been compounded by the travel season. Thousands of Kuwaitis and expatriates left the country to spend their summer vacation outside Kuwait. Traders, who consider Eid an important opportunity to sell goods said that there are not too many people present in the market.

The traders faced another dilemma during the Eid. They

said that summer will be gone very soon and thus they have to get rid of their summer goods, particularly garments. Traders willing to sell summer goods must thus make good offers. An overall reduction in prices is evident, they said.

A cloth merchant, Khaled Al Awadi said that there was no price hike on the Eid. We simply wanted to utilise the Eid buying spree to get rid of most of the summer clothes, Awadi added.

He said that on the contrary, we sometimes offer reductions in order to attract the buyers to buy more than one piece. A shoe trader was disappointed with this year's business during the Eid. He said that although people preparing to travel buy more, this year sales have been much below expectations.

Explaining reasons for the recession, the trader said that the problem is that this is the second Eid which comes only two months after Eid Al Fitr (after

that most people buy at least one type of sweet. About why prices differ from one shop to another, one trader said that it is because some owners are greedy and want to make more profits.

Traders of toys and games, also a common commodity on Eid, did good business but were still not satisfied. One trader said that their sales dropped by half compared to similar occasions, mostly due to the exodus of population availing of the week long Eid holidays.

Nuclear medicine used in early cancer detection

NUCLEAR medicine is a relatively new field which witnessed rapid developments after the second World War. Kuwait is one among advanced Arab countries in this field. Nuclear medicine in Kuwait originated in late 1960's through a small anti-cancer unit which was then expanded to other centres at Muttawak Hospital and the Chest Diseases Hospital. Dr Husain Abdul Dayem, professor and head of the Nuclear Medicine Section at Kuwait University Medical College pointed out that the practice of nuclear medicine depends on three important factors. These include the production of radioactive isotopes, the availability of radiation receiving devices like the Gamma camera and the Gamma counter and the availability of computers specially programmed to store data. Additionally, the preparation of chemical compounds which have the ability to be at different concentrations inside the human body analysed with the development of nuclear medicine.

Diagnosis

Regarding radioactive isotopes, Dayem pointed out that the use of such isotopes started nearly 40 years ago through nuclear reactors. Dayem said that in order to feel the applications of radioactive isotopes in the field of medicine, one of the nuclear elements produced 100 times the amount of a specific radioactive isotope in the world, according to statistics conducted in 1957. The idea of applying radioactive isotopes depends on the characteristics of these isotopes which gives the human body the opportunity to react and accept these compounds.

Doctors are able to track the flow of isotopes inside the human body which assist in diagnosing patients more accurately and prescribing an effective course of treatment.

Dayem added that the theory behind applying radioactive isotopes in finding the condition of a specific human organ depends on giving the body this element with higher concentrations than the blood flow. The existence of such isotopes inside an organ always send special radioactive waves which are then received by specific devices and analysed.

He stressed that nuclear medicine could more accurately and in a shorter duration detect the condition of a sick human organ compared to conventional methods.

Testing ordinary X-ray pictures of human organs require a minimum of ten days before diagnosis. Testing with radioactive isotopes gives quicker and most accurate results.

Services

Regarding the level of nuclear medicine services in Kuwait compared with advanced countries, Dayem said that treatment with nuclear medicine in Kuwait is being presented to public according to modern standards free of charge. The same treatment applied in the United States of America may cost patients up to \$1200 per session. He pointed out that Kuwait has participated with research at international conferences and was granted the golden award. Kuwait University among four other universities in the world is accredited with obtaining this distinction.

Advanced research has been conducted in the treatment of cancer through the use of radioactive isotopes. Tests conducted in this regard proved to be more accurate through the injection of new radioactive isotopes. Dayem said that research in this field is still under development, but initial results showed positive effects. He predicted that Kuwait in the future will witness enhanced use of nuclear medicine in diagnosing diseases and the treatment of cancer.

Drug addiction leads to crime: psychologist

Young should be protected

DRUG related crimes have been on the increase during the past two decades and are a priority item on the agenda of world authorities.

Particular attention is being focused on addressing the pitfalls of this disease in youth. The younger generation is considered a prime and easy target by drug barons.

The increasing "affluence—jetset lifestyle" and a more complacent attitude of society towards delinquency have all contributed towards the phenomenal rise in the use of drugs and their consequent representation on the crime rate.

Psychological specialists are viewing the addiction issue with a large degree of concern and fear. Fear in the sense that they feel the menace is growing and are at a loss to address the vital causes.

A local daily interviewed the psychological and addiction treatment specialist at the Psychiatry Hospital, Dr Ali Abdul Rahman Al Howail.

Howail divided addiction into two categories. Physical and mental addiction which he said is an international classification on addiction. The two types of addictions are in reality connected to each other. When an addict suddenly stops taking narcotics or drugs it leads to physical withdrawal symptoms such as epilepsy and spasms which may cause vital body systems like the heart and the breathing system to stop working and could lead to death. The other aspect of addiction may cause great physical sufferings both to the addict and his family.

Confidence

Howail said that addicts at the beginning feel that these drugs give them strength or decrease their physical pains. This misplaced confidence becomes a habit and an addict is created. The body then starts to weaken in resistance and time collapses. The need then will be directed towards increased dosages and other kinds of drugs. Addicts then turn towards ulterior methods to sustain their craving for the drug.

Howail added that it is important to point out that there are some types of narcotics which will lead to addiction and are called addictive. Such narcotics are the main cause for the spread of diseases like the AIDS virus.

He pointed out that addiction represents the highest percentage of the cause of crimes like rape and stealing, in addition to behavioural, health, and mental inferiority leading to family dissolutions. These dangers may be extended to coming generations compounding the problem.

According to scientific research conducted on addictions, individuals coming from families where a parent is an addict are more exposed to addiction than others.

Howail said that there are several reasons leading to addiction, but the sense of insecurity, loneliness, a lack of self esteem are main factors. He added that the other factor, the financial factor makes it easier for affluent addicts to obtain narcotics.

He stated that a good use of leisure time and directing oneself to beneficial hobbies are important in building a strong personality assuring that an individual will not fall victim to the drug scourge.

Pilgrims to begin leaving soon

ABOUT 1,467,000 pilgrims stood at Mount Arafat on Wednesday. Saudi official sources announced. The Saudi Public Statistics Department said that about 775,000 pilgrims came from outside Saudi Arabia. In a newsletter released by the department, it said that the number of

pilgrims from Saudi Arabia, Saudis and expatriates, was 692,000, who included 487,000 males and 205 females. It added that 92,234 vehicles were used for the transportation of pilgrims between the holy shrines around Makkah.

Meanwhile, pilgrims spent

their second day at Mina area near Makkah yesterday. They began throwing stones (Jamarat) in the evening. Part of the pilgrims will spend another two days before starting to leave the holy places, while some of them will start leaving today.

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Thought for today

A SIMPLE life is its own reward — George Santayana, Spanish poet-philosopher (1863-1952).

NATO proposal to curb air power

More pressure on Moscow

A NEW proposal to curb East-West military air power means NATO is now firmly dictating to Moscow the pace of conventional disarmament after months on the diplomatic defensive, alliance officials say.

But they are uncertain how the Soviet Union will react to the ambitious NATO proposal, set out at East-West talks in Vienna on Thursday.

The plan would mean the Soviet Union scrapping thousands more aircraft than the West across an area stretching from the Atlantic to the Soviet Ural mountain range.

Some officials said the complexity of the issue now confronting negotiators from the 23 NATO and Warsaw Pact member countries made it unlikely a treaty could be signed in 12 months, as US President George Bush proposed last May.

"Our proposal gives them (Moscow) a lot to think about over the summer recess. The question is whether they can go along with its scope and the numbers," said one alliance official.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation allies, meeting the six Pact countries in Vienna for the last time before the recess, proposed sweeping cuts to thousands of fighter planes and battlefield helicopters held by the two camps in Europe.

The cuts in air power proposed by NATO expand negotiations already under way to reduce numbers of tanks and other heavy battlefield equipment. The Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks, which will resume on Sept 7, will also cut troop levels.

The NATO proposal calls for each military bloc to reduce its land-based combat aircraft on the continent to 5,700 and its combat helicopters to 1,900, including training aircraft and those held in storage.

According to NATO, this would represent a 15 per cent cut in numbers of aircraft held by the Western allies but reductions of well over 50 per cent by the Soviet Union and its Pact allies.

In a clause aimed specifically at curbing Soviet air power, NATO said no single country would be able to hold more than 3,420 combat aircraft or 1,40 combat helicopters in the negotiating area.

The Bush proposal last May which greatly accelerated the timetable for the CFE talks is widely seen as having wrested the arms control initiative back from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who had thrown NATO on the defensive with a flurry of disarmament moves.

Diplomats said NATO's determination to work out a common position on aircraft in time for a July 13 deadline showed alliance resolve to maintain the momentum set by Bush and keep the pressure on Moscow.

NATO cast broad definition of combat aircraft that encompasses all types of plane that can carry out offensive operations or can be quickly converted to execute such missions.

Officials foresaw likely Soviet opposition to the inclusion of planes which Moscow saw as a purely defensive role but which NATO says are fighter interceptors which must be encompassed in any agreement.

"According to our definition, if it looks like a plane that can shoot we want it in the negotiations," said one official.

Given the mobility of aircraft, verification measures to stop any party to the treaty cheating will be especially complex — the more so since a high number of aircraft would be left on each side under NATO's vision of the treaty. (Brussels — Reuter)

Quote me

"Root, you really did it this time." — Kathy Root's message to her husband, Thomas Root, a pilot who survived a plane crash into the Atlantic Ocean. . . .

"Today we should all clasp each other's hands and stand up to internal and external counter-revolution and arrogance and not let anyone encroach on this revolution." — Ahmad Khomeini said after a final eulogy of 40 day mourning period of late Ayatollah Khomeini.

"They know exactly what we say, what we want, they know ... our views and we try to understand and to know the views and opinions of the American government. If they want to send some delegation, some envoys, we will always welcome them." — Yitzhak Shamir said about US plans to send a delegation to Israel.

"Whatever he does now, he is going to become a mere mortal, capable of major errors, but with the potential for spectacular success." — Prof. Robert Schrire, a Cape Town political scientist said about Nelson Mandela.

"Until there is an agreement, there is no agreement. We are ready to it, if necessary, to complete an agreement." — John Sununu, White House Chief of Staff said about Bush's plan to unveil an agreement at the economic summit.

"It is necessary to face life, to go into life. Whoever doesn't have the strength, who cannot find his place, let him leave." — Mikhail Gorbachev said in a speech to the communist party. . . .

"All the goodness of old life has gone. We are trying to bring again. We feel that lots of boys don't know what life was like before." — Hassan Rajab, a Kuwaiti man who spent 40 years in the sea and organised Kuwait Sea Sports club for pearl, said during an interview.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1601 — Austria's Archduke Albert, with Spanish force, begins siege of Ostdorf.

1685 — Duke of Monmouth is beheaded in England for his part in rebellion.

1789 — France's King Louis XVI is awakened and told that his authority has collapsed with the fall of the Bastille.

1801 — France and papacy sign concordat whereby French ecclesiastics are to be appointed by government and merely confirmed by pope.

1822 — Turkish invasion of Greece begins, and Turks overrun peninsula north of Gulf of Corinth but later are forced to retreat.

1857 — British women and children, taken by Indians at Kawnpore in India, are murdered.

1893 — Metabates stage uprising against rule of British South Africa Company.

1909 — Mohamed Ali, Shah of Persia, is deposed in favour of Sultan Ahmed Shah, age 12.

1945 — Italy declares war on Japan, its former axis partner, in World War II.

1948 — UN Security Council orders truce in Palestine.

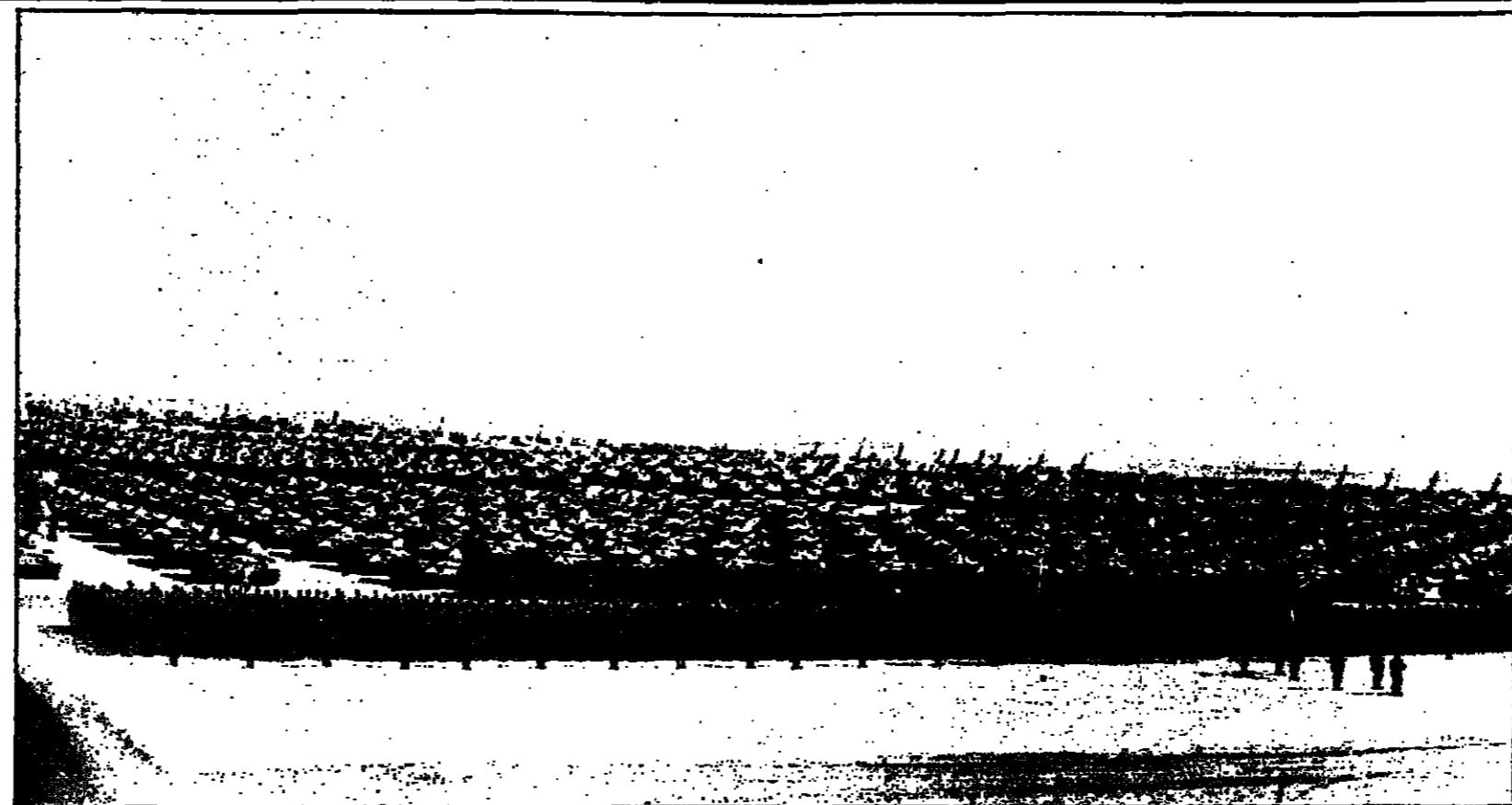
1958 — United States dispatches troops to Lebanon at request of President Chamoun; South Africa resumes full membership in United Nations.

1965 — US Mariner IV spacecraft sends to Earth first closeup photographs of planet Mars.

1974 — Greek officers of army in Cyprus oust Archbishop Makarios from presidency.

1975 — America's Apollo and Soviet Union's Soyuz spacecraft blast into orbit for rendezvous in space.

1988 — Afghan rebels blast capital city of Kabul with rockets, killing 20 people and wounding 24 others.



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Mubarak embarks on military reform

Cutting down on Egyptian clout

EGYPT'S President Hosni Mubarak has earmarked on one of the toughest tests of his eight-year rule — quietly curbing the clout and the cost of the military.

Cairo-based foreign defence analysts say the process has been characterised by Mubarak's cautious style of leadership.

The long-term aim, the analysts say, is to cut military spending and make defence policy more accountable to the civilian leadership, but without harming the troops' morale.

"If the cuts are not apparent to everyone this year," said one defence specialist, "they will emerge in three or four years' time. But don't expect any public announcements."

It is widely accepted among Egyptian and foreign political observers that the half million-strong armed forces form the single most influential institution in the country.

Traditionally, that influence has been wielded indirectly.

In contrast with some other Arab states, the Egyptian officer corps has been disinclined to involve itself in politics, or seize power and impose its views by force.

Senior commanders pride themselves on their professionalism and loyalty to the constitution — qualities that seem not to have been corroded by reliance on foreign arms and funds.

Yet the military has had a "king-making" function, furnishing successive heads of state, from Gamal Abdel Nasser to the present day. Mubarak was himself an Air Force pilot.

That may change, the analysts suggest, as Mubarak slowly edges Egypt towards a market economy in which the state is more of a junior partner than dominant partner on social advancement.

More immediately, Egypt is trying to cut a ballooning budget deficit by raising revenue and cutting public spending.

Military costs are kept secret, but diplomats say the armed forces have absorbed about a quarter of state spending in recent years and accumulated debts of about \$8 billion, both to the United States and the Soviet Union.

The armed forces' role as bulwark against external aggression will stay, although the threat from the traditional foe — Israel — has diminished since the signing of the 1979 peace treaty.

Danger

Even so, the Army's deployment indicates Israel is still seen as the main danger, and the possession of powerful armed forces a spur to diplomatic efforts to persuade the Jewish state to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute peacefully.

Of the Army's 320,000 troops, more than 100,000 are formed into two field armies in the east, along the Suez Canal.

These are backed by the central military zone around Cairo, including special ranger battalions, airborne troops and a mechanised brigade devoted to protecting the presidency.

Ultimately, the analysts agree, the key to achieving a credible deterrence is in the air, and despite possession of F-16 fighters it would take many years before Egypt could match Israel in air power.

The military is also Egypt's weapon of last resort in the event of massive civil unrest or an attempted insurrection.

Analysts say what is likely to change is the financial burden imposed by the military on a country trying to throw off the evils of over-spending and low productivity.

Also to be gradually curtailed is the independence of an organisation widely considered until a few months ago to be a state-within-a-state, with its own farms and factories.

In terms of accountability, Mubarak moved firmly last April by removing Field Marshall Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala from his post as defence minister and replacing him with Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb, a Mubarak loyalist and skilled administrator.

Abu Ghazala was popular in the military and beyond. He had turned a clumsy, Soviet-style juggernaut of poorly-trained conscripts into a modern force equipped with high-tech US arms.

But in the process he created what many saw as a separate empire, with a secret budget and an economic life of its own.

The analysts say Abu Taleb — out of uniform for eight years and hence an outsider — has orders to review defence projects and end the military's isolation from Egypt's economic strategy.

Some analysts believe the switch in defence chiefs was marked by a profound difference in economic philosophy between Mubarak's supporters and Abu Ghazala's followers.

One Western ambassador said Abu Taleb's appointment as defence minister was a stroke of brilliance on Mubarak's part, for it brought the military firmly under presidential control.

Defence experts say military spending is still under close scrutiny, from plans to buy second-hand submarines for the Navy to co-production of the US Abrams M-1A1 battle tank.

Some analysts add that the pace of change will be carefully regulated and closely guarded — largely to avoid any backlash or diminution of the military's esprit de corps. (Cairo — Reuter)

Ireland faces austere route to prosperity

CHARLES HAUGHEY, battered and bruised by a month-long political crisis, now faces four tough years convincing the Irish that austerity is the way to prosperity.

Haughey in Gaelic means horseman. After four weeks of hectic horse-trading, he has certainly lived up to his name.

Forced to jockey for position with his arch enemy after calling a snap election that badly backfired on him, "the great survivor" swallowed his pride and formed a coalition with the Progressive Democrats (PD) on Wednesday.

Beside him at the cabinet table as the new industry minister is PD leader Desmond O'Malley who left Haughey's Fianna Fail Party four years ago in a bitter personality clash but was fulsome in praise of his new-found partner on returning to power.

With the tiny six-seat PD party also winning the electoral portfolio, one Fianna Fail backbencher growled in Churchillian tones: "Never in the history of Irish politics has so much been given by so many to so few."

The historic team — this is Fianna Fail's first coalition in its 63-year history — bluntly warned the Irish that belt-tightening was the name of the game until 1993.

Ireland has a mountainous national debt of 25 billion pounds (\$38 billion), one in five are jobless and up to 30,000 youngsters "vote with their feet" every year and emigrate to Britain, North America and Australia.

"Hair shirt" economics is the solution, Haughey argues. Stringent state spending cuts will have to be maintained and he warned deputies: "Public expenditure restraint will remain essential for a long time to come."

But Haughey has tried to sweeten the pill. The target, he said, is to reduce the basic rate of income tax from 32 to 25 per cent by 1993. The corporate sector may help finance the cuts and tax evaders will be pounced on, he said.

Haughey pledged to tackle hospital waiting lists — one of the issues that sparked such voter ire in the June 15 election — and also vowed to review Army pay. Three wives of disgruntled soldiers stood unsuccessfully as independents in the election.

Ironically, Haughey also offered haemophiliacs one million pounds (\$1.5 million) compensation for being infected with the AIDS virus by contaminated blood supplies.

A row over the AIDS fund provoked the sixth defeat in parliament for Haughey's minority government and sparked the election that proved to be such a lamentable miscalculation.

Clearly the 63-year-old Haughey, a politician of doubted charisma who the Irish either love or hate, would like to go down in history as the man who put Ireland's economy to rights.

To him, the two great evils in Ireland are unemployment and emigration.

Haughey is also a diehard Republican who has branded the British-ruled province of Northern Ireland as univable.

The north very nearly destroyed his career in 1970 when he was charged with conspiring to smuggle arms to nationalist guerrillas. Though acquitted, he was forced to resign as finance minister. By 1979, he had clambered back as prime minister.

When Desmond O'Malley angrily quit Fianna Fail in 1985, he said of Haughey's gun-runner trial: "Mr Haughey acted very, very unwisely at that time."

Asked if he was worried about Haughey being a suitable candidate to hold office, he replied: "That concern has never left me."

Back in the fold on Wednesday after exacting a very high price for his support, O'Malley said of Haughey: "He possesses skill and courage in abundance." (Reuter — Dublin)

Finance Minister Andrzej Wroblewski says food prices will soar by 80 per cent and meat will rise further when the farm economy is switched to a free market system.

Smaller food price rises in 1970 and 1980 caused upheavals that overthrew communist governments.

Other leaders add that conservative communist bureaucrats still control the state and could block reforms and emasculate a Solidarity government.

"We are aliens in the eyes of the apparatus so in fact we wouldn't be ruling over anything but we would be responsible for everything," said Solidarity Senator Karol Modzelewski.

"We can only agree to this idea after making sure that the nation and state are in mortal danger from which there is no other rescue," he added.

According to Michnik, that situation is already at hand and Solidarity has to shoulder its responsibility as the only political group trusted by the Polish public.

"I don't know if people want a Solidarity government or not, but they certainly want change, radical change, and another government with a communist prime minister will not be a radical change," he said.

"I think there is no time left... the catastrophe in the economy is so deep that if nothing is done immediately, there will very soon be nothing left of the existing system of political compromise." (Reuter — Warsaw)

Development of Hungarian-American relations but also from the point of view of the reforms of European socialist countries," Hungarian Politburo member Imre Pozsgay said.

Gyorgy Kadar of the opposition Hungarian Democratic Forum said: "We are the natural allies of the United States and the President's declarations here could strengthen the independent forces in this country."

The parliamentary leader of Poland's opposition Solidarity movement, Bronislaw Geremek, said of Bush: "The words which he spoke that the United States will support the reforms taking place in Poland, are the words that we are hoping for."

Bush pledged little hard cash for Poland and Hungary, but White House Chief of Staff John Sununu said the West wanted to avoid the errors of the 1970s when billions of dollars of loans were squandered in extravagant communist projects.

Instead, the United States wants Western countries to develop a comprehensive plan which links aid and debt relief to economic reform and which recognises that economic reform is unlikely to succeed if unaccompanied by political change.

Such a strategy appeals to Poland and Hungary, even if the Poles in particular want more immediate Western economic help, for they acknowledge the link between political and economic change and are dismantling their communist power structures.

But the US initiative is completely unacceptable to East Germany, Romania and Czechoslovakia, whose ageing leaderships fear the impact of political reform on their societies and where popular discontent is never far below the surface.

Most disturbing of all for the hardliners is that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has shown no sign of wanting to halt the reforms in Poland and Hungary. He speaks frequently of the right of every communist country to choose its own path.

While the conservative states accused the United States of interfering in Eastern Europe, Soviet officials suggested Bush's tour of the region might improve the international atmosphere just like Gorbachev's trip to Western Europe.

Fahd to undergo surgery in US

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 14. (Agencies): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia will enter the Cleveland clinic during a visit to the United States for a physical examination and possible knee surgery, the hospital said yesterday.

Fahd, 67, is due in Washington to visit President George Bush on July 27.

The clinic said it was preparing space for Fahd and an entourage of 200.

Twenty rooms at the hospital will be

redecorated to his taste, the clinic spokesman said, and modifications are being made for security reasons.

Preparations for the official opening of a major Saudi exhibition on July 29 that will tour the United States for about a year are in the final stages and will be completed on time before its inauguration by King Fahd.

The Saudi exhibit, entitled "Saudi Arabia: Yesterday and Today," will be

open to the American public in Washington, D.C. July 29-August 20. After that, it will move to four major American cities—Atlanta, Dallas, New York, and Los Angeles—before closing its eleven-month-long on June 30, 1990.

The exhibition, which at one estimate will cost at least \$14 million to stage, will cover Saudi history and culture although the emphasis is expected to be on modern Saudi Arabia.

As envisaged by its organisers, the exhibit will consist of seven major thematic areas: the land, pre-Islam, Islam, society, people, nation building, and Saudi Arabia and the world community.

The life of King Abdul Aziz, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, will be chronicled with rare furnishings from Al Mubarak Palace in Riyadh. Scale models of Masnaf Fort, and historical Najran houses will be replicated.

PLO official meets Howe

KUWAIT, July 14. (Agencies): A senior PLO official believes PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the official Kuwait News Agency reported today.

"Such a meeting is inevitable in future. A date for the meeting will be set later," Bassam Abu Sharif, political advisor to Arafat, said in an interview with KUNA.

Abu Sharif said the issue of such a meeting was not raised at his groundbreaking meeting yesterday with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe but had been discussed with Foreign Undersecretary William Walgrave during earlier visits to London.

"There is no obstacle for holding such a meeting," he said.

Abu Sharif's meeting with Howe lasted less than 15 minutes, but it marked the first time a PLO official has met with such a senior British official.

Abu Sharif has said in other interviews that he was given a message from the British government for Arafat on the overall Middle East peace process.

Gulf newspapers have reported recently that Arafat may attend the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and could hold talks with Howe on the margins of the meeting.

Abu Sharif, who was starting a European tour from London, told KUNA the meeting with Howe was "indicative of continuing improvement and upgrading of the Palestinian-British relationship." It is also an evidence of the British government's desire to play an effective and positive role in the Middle East."

Abu Sharif said: "I also expressed hope that Britain will play a strong and positive role toward ending the suffering of Palestinians and allowing them to realize their ambitions in self-determination and building an independent state."

He added: "Howe told me that Britain was highly appreciative of the PLO commitment to peace in the region and saw that further efforts should be made to re-establish just peace based on trading peace for land."

Meanwhile an aide to Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel was conducting "clear, official and unequivocal" negotiations with the PLO via American and other foreign intermediaries.

The remark about the PLO was made by Peres' aide and longtime associate, Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin. He spoke on Army radio after testimony by US Assistant Secretary of State John H. Kelly.

Kelly, replying to a question before a congressional subcommittee, said it would be an "exaggeration" to say an official dialogue is taking place between Israel and the PLO, but that there was "classified reporting about contacts" between the two.

Clear

The testimony immediately sparked controversy in Israel, which has officially boycotted the PLO, calling it a terrorist group bent on Israel's destruction.

Both Sharif and Peres, Labour's chairman, quickly denied there were any Israeli talks with the PLO.

"It's an absolute lie. We are not speaking either directly or indirectly with that group," Sharif's spokesman Yossi Abitbol said, reiterating the premier's remarks in a telephone interview yesterday.

Beilin claimed the denials were only technical because Israel has not formally changed its policy toward the PLO.

"For two-and-a-half months, clear, official, unequivocal negotiations have been underway between the Israeli government headed by Yitzhak Shamir, via the Americans," Beilin said.

Shamir rejects talks with PLO

Palestinian stabbed to death

ROME, July 14. (Agencies): Hardline Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir has once more rejected any kind of negotiations with the PLO, claiming that he will stop the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Shamir also rejected any UN supervision of the peace process and claimed that the 1979 Camp David accords are the best way to realize a settlement to the Middle East crisis.

In an interview with "Panorama" magazine and obtained by KUNA, Shamir said that he does not even think of returning an inch of

the occupied Arab territories to the Arabs because "states do not relinquish their national heritage," in an indication to the Israeli-occupied lands.

Asked about the Arabs he keeps saying that he is ready to negotiate with, Shamir evaded the question and alleged that the PLO oppresses the freedom of expression of many Palestinians, saying "when those people have the chance to speak freely, they will assert that violence will not improve the situation in the occupied territories."

He also accused Italy of sympathizing with the PLO and said that he does not know why is that.

Asked on whether there will be a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, Shamir replied "I don't know."

He reiterated that Camp David, which calls for a five-year civil administration followed by unconditional negotiations, is the way to realize a lasting and acceptable solution for both the Arabs and Israelis.

The Israeli premier lashed out at the US-Palestinian dialogue, which according to him, does not help peace. "I don't even want to hear about the international conference."

The United States has cancelled a mission to test Israel's sincerity in proposing Palestinian elections amid signs that the ruling Labour and Likud parties are edging towards a compromise to keep the plan alive.

But Shamir announced with apparent satisfaction today that the US visit was off, saying it would not make any difference to the Israeli peace proposals.

Labour Party, toned down its threats to leave the government following appeals from the Bush administration to give another chance for the Israeli peace plan to work.

Political sources said a compromise was taking shape to avert Labour's threat to walk out over Likud's insistence that the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising must first be crushed and East Jerusalem Arabs must be excluded from elections.

Labour's enthusiasm for leaving the government and forcing a general election appeared to be waning fast. Party officials said public opinion was strongly against new elections so soon after last November's ballot.

In the latest uprising violence, Palestinians stabbed to death a 26-year-old Arab in the Gaza town of Rafah suspected of dealing in drugs and collaborating with Israeli authorities.

Police said a 64-year-old Israeli construction foreman was stabbed and beaten to death near the coastal town of Ashdod today, according to Army Radio.

The radio said police arrested four Arab workers but it was not clear if the incident was related to the uprising.

In the compromise taking shape within the coalition government, Shamir said today the prime minister was willing to spell out clearly that Likud's conditions did not affect the national unity government plan for a poll to choose Arab negotiators from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A court barred a Jewish resident of Jerusalem from the city for 45 days today on charges of inciting anti-Arab riots and a Jewish settler was banned from entering Jerusalem at night.

In Jerusalem, a tear-gas grenade exploded last night during the festive closing ceremony of the international Maccabiah games for Jewish athletes.

The cloud of acrid grey smoke that rose at the very end of the ceremony sent hundreds of them running, and some were seen rubbing their eyes and crying.

Egypt ready to aid Sudan

Solution to unrest

Sudan denies split

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, July 14. (AP): A spokesman for Sudan's military junta denied in an interview published today that the country's new ruler Lieut Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir would agree to a split with the south as one of the options for ending the unrest there.

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Yawn quoted the spokesman, Col Suleiman Mohammed Suleiman, as saying statements to this effect attributed to Al Bashir earlier this week by a Gulf newspaper were "devoid of truth."

Al Bashir's revolution for national salvation seized power in Khartoum on June 30.

Al Khaleej newspaper in the United Arab Emirates yesterday quoted Al Bashir as saying he was willing to accept a partition if the people of the south agreed among themselves to that as a solution to the 6-year-old crisis there.

He also was quoted as saying that he also would accept other alternatives like a confederation, or a provincial government in the south.

But the junta spokesman, in his statements to the Saudi daily published in the kingdom's Eastern Province, said the ruling command council has its views on how to settle the problem in the south.

Sudan, but we definitely would not turn our back on the democratic and popular role in the construction efforts."

Also visiting Cairo was Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat who, like Al Bashir, came to see Mubarak before the Egyptian

leader flew to Paris.

Foreign Ministry sources, who asked not to be named, said that Arafat and Al Bashir expected Mubarak to advocate their views on Sudan's foreign debts and Middle East peace process during his planned meetings with leaders of other countries.

Call for North-South summit

Mitterrand urged to seize opportunity

PARIS, July 14. (KUNA): Four leading developing countries, Egypt, India, Senegal and Venezuela, have requested President Francois Mitterrand to seize the opportunity of the presence in Paris of leaders of 33 world countries "to start proceedings" leading to regular meetings between developed and developing countries.

A communiqué just released by the Elysee Palace said that President Mubarak of Egypt, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Presidents Abdou Diouf of Senegal and Carlos Andre Perez of Venezuela, have called on the French leader to "take the necessary steps, as earliest as possible, to convene a North-South summit."

After 24 hours of bilateral and multilateral meetings between them, the four leaders met yesterday afternoon with President Mitterrand and voiced their request, it was reported.

The regular summit meetings

between rich and poor countries they are calling for, on the eve of the seven leading industrialised nations' meeting in Paris, will be mainly aimed at "attacking global economic issues and environmental problems of mutual interests," they said in a press release.

That North-South summit, they went on, "would mark the beginning of continuous consultations between leaders of the North and the South of such issues."

The group of four indicated that the secretary-general of the United Nations and international economic and financial institutions will be associated to that initiative and that the Group of 77 and the Non-aligned Movement will be informed of everything going on.

The proposal of the four developing countries' leaders will be discussed at the G-7 sum-

mit meeting to open in Paris on Friday.

Asked whether President Mitterrand has accepted their request, Rajiv, who was on the way out of the Elysee with the three other leaders after the half an hour meeting, replied "Yes."

The Elysee Palace for its part indicated that President Mitterrand was in favour of the holding of that North-South summit, asked for by the four developing countries' leaders and that he was "ready to take the necessary steps to concretise that project."

Meanwhile, Mitterrand and his US counterpart, George Bush yesterday tackled the Lebanese question during their bilateral meeting, it was revealed.

Elysee Palace spokesman

Hubert Vedrine said the two presidents discussed the current situation in Lebanon and Mitterrand explained his country's efforts to bring the conflict there to an end.

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Iranian women wait in front of Khomeini's portrait before the start of the commemoration ceremonies. (Reuter wirephoto)

Final tribute to Khomeini

Millions throng grave

NICOSIA, July 14. (AP): Millions of Iranians, chanting "death to America" and beating themselves in grief, surrounded the gold-domed tomb of Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday to mark the end of 40 days of mourning for the founder of Islamic republic.

But Khomeini announced with apparent satisfaction today that the US visit was off, saying it would not make any difference to the Israeli peace proposals.

Labour Party, toned down its threats to leave the government following appeals from the Bush administration to give another chance for the Israeli peace plan to work.

Political sources said a compromise was taking shape to avert Labour's threat to walk out over Likud's insistence that the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising must first be crushed and East Jerusalem Arabs must be excluded from elections.

Labour's enthusiasm for leaving the government and forcing a general election appeared to be waning fast. Party officials said public opinion was strongly against new elections so soon after last November's ballot.

In the latest uprising violence, Palestinians stabbed to death a 26-year-old Arab in the Gaza town of Rafah suspected of dealing in drugs and collaborating with Israeli authorities.

Police said a 64-year-old Israeli construction foreman was stabbed and beaten to death near the coastal town of Ashdod today, according to Army Radio.

The radio said police arrested four Arab workers but it was not clear if the incident was related to the uprising.

In the compromise taking shape within the coalition government, Shamir said today the prime minister was willing to spell out clearly that Likud's conditions did not affect the national unity government plan for a poll to choose Arab negotiators from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A court barred a Jewish resident of Jerusalem from the city for 45 days today on charges of inciting anti-Arab riots and a Jewish settler was banned from entering Jerusalem at night.

In Jerusalem, a tear-gas grenade exploded last night during the festive closing ceremony of the international Maccabiah games for Jewish athletes.

The cloud of acrid grey smoke that rose at the very end of the ceremony sent hundreds of them running, and some were seen rubbing their eyes and crying.

Ensure peace, calls Iraq

'Keep out N-arms'

GENEVA, July 14. (AP): Iraq, saying that Israel has nuclear weapons yesterday called for "appropriate" international measures to make the Middle East a nuclear-free area.

Addressing the 40-nation conference on disarmament, Iraqi ambassador Barzani Ibrahim Al Tikriti said there was "no doubt" that Israel had acquired nuclear weapons and that its arsenal also includes chemical weapons and "long-range missiles."

"This means that appropriate and effective international measures will have to be achieved so as to denuclearise the Middle East and to consolidate the military balance," he said.

The Iraqi diplomat, an observer, spoke one week after the conference heard a call by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati for stepped-up efforts to achieve a global ban on chemical weapons.

In his speech, Velayati also said eight reports by UN teams on the use of chemical arms by Iraq had failed to prompt any "genuine reaction" from the international diplomatic community during the Gulf war.

Iraq has admitted using chemical weapons but claims Iran used them first. Iran has denied it ever used them. A UN Security Council resolution last August said the experts concluded that "the use of such weapons against Iraq had become more and more frequent."

While making no reference to their use by Iraq, Al Tikriti said it emerged from the UN reports that it was "Iran (that) was condemned for having used chemical weapons." And that Velayati used "selected extracts" from the UN report "for propaganda purposes."

It would be Arafat's first visit to Japan since 1981.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

6 women trampled

CAIRO, Egypt, July 14. (AP): A crowd of more than 200 trampled six women to death yesterday while rushing to receive free meat distributed by a wealthy man observing the first day of the Eid Al Adha, the Muslim feast of sacrifice, newspapers said.

The daily state-run Al Akhbar said the incident happened when more than 200 poor, elderly women in Al Sahel, a densely populated suburb north of Cairo, crowded around the home of Mohammed Abdel-Salem, a bank accountant, who was giving out meat on the occasion of the feast.

Meat for the needy

JEDDAH, July 14. (KUNA): Sacrificial meat slaughtered during this pilgrimage season will be frozen and shipped by land, air and sea to various parts of the world to help Muslims in need, the Saudi Press Agency reported today.

The agency said that during the first day of Al Adha feast yesterday more than 93,000 sheep had been slaughtered by pilgrims.

Visa requirements</h3

VIDEO CORNER

Bond keeps a low profile

By Brian Hollis

THE good news this week is that the new James Bond movie *Licence to Kill* is coming shortly, but unfortunately it won't be available in the shops until Saturday. Timothy Dalton plays Bond for the second time in this 16th film of the series which started 20 years ago. But this time there has been a conscious effort to update Bond to the modern adult world, resulting in a 15 rating, as opposed to the previous U. The story for the first time can be described as realistic, cashing in on the American drugs and violence scene.

Bond is off duty in Florida for the wedding of his friend from the Drug Enforcement Agency. On the way to the church, Bond helps in a major bust which nets superboss Sanchez (Robert Davi). But with the help of a megadollar bribe, Sanchez is soon free to take revenge on the newlyweds. Helped by feisty female pilot Pam (Carey Lowell), and some gadgets provided by a vacationing Q (Desmond Llewellyn), Bond, now fired by the Secret Service, penetrated Sanchez' Central American headquarters for the inevitable showdown.

Dalton plays it very low key this time around, with the result that much of the interest focuses on Lowell, Llewellyn and particularly the unspeakably charming villain played by

Davi. The vehicle stunts are the best ever, and the one-liner printed on a card round the head of the shark mangled DEA agent, must rate as the grizzliest ever. He disagreed with something that ate him.

However, the big question mark remains unanswered until the film has had wider general release both in England and internationally: Will the public accept the new adult Bond, or were they hooked on the cartoonlike fantasies that have been his trademark up to now?

Faye Dunaway stars with Klaus Maria Brandauer in *Burning Secrets*, an adaptation of Stefan Zweig's short story set in the Austrian Alps. Young Edmund (David Eberts) is taken to a lonely resort as an asthma cure by his elegant mother, and soon attracts the friendship of a charming mysterious baron, recuperating from war wounds, who enthralls the sickly child with stories of wartime gallantry. But surely this suave, engaging man of the world has better things to do. Is he perhaps a pedophile, or a kidnapper, or is he simply using the child as an avenue to his mother Sonya.

Indeed when Sonya and the baron start to spend time together, Edmund feels jealous and betrayed. Soon he catches the baron actively compromising her fidelity, and he too



Dursley McLinden plays Tim Diamond in 'Just Ask For Diamond'.

becomes devious as he tries to obstruct their growing intimacy.

Beautiful locations and a compact story make this an acceptable little arthouse film, but there is little tension or dynamism, and it is as watchable as it is forgettable.

The title 'Blueberry Hill' automatically recalls a certain era for many people, as this was Fats Domino's greatest rock 'n' roll hit which dominated the Summer of 1959. The film revisits director Robbe de Hert's own troubled youth as a 5th grade student, constantly at odds with his father and the rest of the world. Looking forward to summer holidays, the only thing in his way is the end of term exam. But the reappearance of his old flame Cathy gives him something else to think about. The students decide to lock themselves in the classroom to copy the exam questions, but one gets caught and the sadistic principal weighs in. A feverish tempo and a remarkably strong cast of young and spontaneous actors make this a fresh and entertaining film, and although it is a Belgian production, it should reach a wide cinema audience due to the director's storytelling ability.

Out of the Dark is a good example of a low budget exploitation movie, whose main objective seems to be in racking up the highest possible body count of pretty girls. The story concerns a telephone sex agency whose cheerful girls are being picked off one by one by a crazed killer dressed up as Bobo the Clown. Prime suspect is Kevin (Cameron Dye), photographer friend of one of the agency's heaviest breathers, but twitchy accountant David Stringer is also possible. The film boasts a remarkably strong cast including Karen Black and Divine in one of his rare outings as a man. As executive producer Paul Bartel explains: "This is the kind of movie I've wanted to make for a long time. It's material that glows in the dark with sex, violence, telephones and all the pleasure from his relationship

other things so dear to the hearts of the American people."

We Think the World of You is a recent British drama starring Gary Oldman and Alan Bates. However, the main star of the movie turns out to be Betsy. Oldman's dog, Oldman plays Johnny, as sometime housebreaker who has just been sentenced to a year in jail. Unfortunately this also sentences Betsy to a year stuck in Johnny's parents' backyard. Alan Bates looks in on Johnny regularly and soon starts to enjoy a regular romp with Betsy across the blighted urban landscapes of 1950s London. However in spite of some meticulous acting, the film never really seems to get started, and unless you're pining for views from home, this one is too sombre and depressing by half

Yet another coming of age drama is *Prince of Pennsylvania*, starring Fred Ward and Bonnie Bedelia. The Marsettas are seeming pillars of the local community, but unknown to the husband Gary, his wife is having an affair with his best friend. This adds to the confusion of their already mixed up teen-age son (Keanu Reeves), who gets most of his pleasure from his relationship

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8.30 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sedes House
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat - Thurs.: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Sabiyah. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosario Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 483447.

Bangladesh Association

JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

British Council

JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am): The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a supergirl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An

with one time hippie Carla who runs a nearby diner. The boy and Carla decide to kidnap dad, and keep him down a mine until he agrees to hand over a sum of money to develop a plot of land. Naturally it all goes wrong, but at least there is quite a droll twist in the tail.

Just ask for Diamond is the kind of film which likely to put me off right from the beginning — a British spoof of American detective classics. However this family film is much better than one would expect. The momentum of the film is set going by a comically unsuccessful private eye named Diamond, who is helped out by his younger brother Nick. Diamond is as thick as two planks, but Nick is sharp. Into their bedraggled apartment stumbles a deadly dwarf, followed by a clutch of seedy characters including several well-known faces (Susannah York, Colin Dale, Saeed Jaffrey, Roy Kinnear). The film was recently shown at the London Film Festival, and is a well-crafted and at times truly funny film.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwanly, Video Naufi, Video Club, Salima, Tel: 5724372.

Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess.

Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arts, Shop No. 34, Al Karan Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact Mose 2454266, Joe 5655140, Anice 2439249 after 6 pm.

Independents ball

AUG 7: At the Messilah Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Farewell pictures

Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

Tivim Centre

OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Con-

SUNDAY, July 16

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Cartoon Serial
10.30 International Circus
11.00 English Film
2.00 Arabic play: Lailat Jawaz Al Shaghala. Starring: Sameer Ghannim, Isaaq Younis
8.00 Diwaniyat Shaura Al Nabat
10.00 Arabic Serial: Harchat Min Al Madhi. Starring: Ameena Rizq.
10.45 Arabic play: Mammou Bearer Al Awlad. Starring: Mahmoud Morsi

MONDAY, July 17

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Ifthah Ya Simsim. Children programme
10.15 Daily Arabic serial: Al Hub Wa Al Sabbar
12.30 Cultural Film
2.15 Arabic daily serial: Al Shams Baad Al Ghoroub
4.00 Historical serial
7.45 Holy Quran and Science
9.30 Local Programme: Monday Evening
11.00 Cultural programme: Ehtemalat

TUESDAY, July 18

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons
12.15 Weekly programme: With Stars
4.00 Arabic Play: Qatul Al Wahab
7.00 Historical Serial
10.45 Arabic Film: Set Al Bait. Starring: Faten Hamama

WEDNESDAY, July 19

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Ifthah Ya Simsim
12.05 Variety programme: Huwar Wa Nagham
4.00 Football Match: Australia vs Kuwait
6.00 Children Programme: Al Laila Wa Laila
7.00 The World About Us
11.00 Weekly Programme: Mahakem Bela Sijou (Trials without jails)

THURSDAY, July 20

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons
12.05 Japanese competition programme
4.00 Local children play: Shams Al Shomous. Starring: Huda Hussain.
8.30 With Islam
10.45 Arabic film: Ya Sadiqi Kam Tesawi. Starring:

KTV 1 weekly highlights



Dilip Kumar in Ram Aur Shyam on KTV 1 at 4.00 pm today

Farouq Al Feeshawi, Safiya Al Emari. 4.00 Arabic Film: Bent Antar. Starring: Sameera Tawfiq.

FRIDAY, July 21
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.25 Cartoons
11.15 Friday Prayers
1.30 Local programme: Friday Meet

Farwasiya Huwala Pharmacy Health Centre (Mustawas) St. Jahra Al Khaled Pharmacy Opp. Jahra Co-op. Society.

• All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

At the Kuwait Plaza MARCOPOLI: The Italian restaurant in the heart of the city offers jumbo authentic pizza, spaghetti, lasagne and a wide variety of real Italian dishes in Italian ambience with live music by the most popular duo Stan and Alice.

Loulwah corner: The Parisian cafe with Arabic music by the oud player Fawzi Jamal. Enjoy the delights of different sandwiches and mouth watering juices and Arabic icecream. A special promotion for business lunch four courses including coffee or tea for only KD2.500.

Al Dallah coffee shop: Mez Zah and sweet buffet with our favourite speciality a la carte, ask for our 'Flat De Jour'.

SPORTS

Swimming and Keep Fit SWIMMING lessons have commenced at the Holiday Inn which is available for non-members. Monday (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill.

Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Touji Pakasalo.

Bowling alley available for company tournaments.

Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome.

Tennis coaching available for non-members and additional facilities available under the supervision of selected professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam - oil - and cream) for ladies and men.

Please contact the recreation department tel. 4742000 ext 6788 or 6700.

Laser sailing

MBLC announces their sailing for calendar 1989 as follows:

Brain Boiler Series: upto September 1, Autumn Series: Sept 8 to Oct 27.

KMMC second Kuwait Laser Open Championship: Oct 19 and 20.

MBLC Americas Cup match racing: Oct 27, Winter Series: Nov 3 to Dec 29, Jebel Ali Gulf Championship: Nov 16 and 17.

Flying Dutchman Trophy: Dec 8. MBLC Turkey race: Dec 22.

All interested laser sailors wishing to compete in the above events must contact: D. Clark: 4845171 (W) 2425947 (H); P. Shepherd: 4841513 (W) 5314957 (H); K. Balman: 5624111 Mississal Beach Hotel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Cartoons
9.40 Songs
10.00 Children Play: Zummorah. Starring: Nesreen
12.30 Nature
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite and Close-down
1.30 Arabic film: Ram Aur Shyam. Starring: Dilip Kumar
3.05 Religious Encyclopaedia
3.35 Cartoon Serial: Bibi Folk and Calimero
4.00 Hindi film: Ram Aur Shyam. Starring: Dilip Kumar
6.40 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
8.00 Cultural Programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Local play: Lubat Al Karas (last part)
11.00 Songs
11.30 Arabic film: Kul Hazha Al Hub (All This Love). Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Laila Ulwi.
1.00 News in Brief

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Cartoons
7.00 Wild life on animals
7.30 Full House

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Laila Ulwi in Arabic film 'Kul Hazha Al Hub' on KTV 1 at 11.30 pm today.

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.26 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.28 pm
Maghreb 6.49
Isha 8.19

At the Ramada Hotel

EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also

Just in time

BUSINESS & FINANCE

US offers loan of up to \$2b to Mexico

Accord on debt relief vital: Japan

PARIS, July 14, (Agencies): The 15th annual summit of the world's richest nations opened today to work out joint approaches to environmental problems, Third World debt and political developments in Eastern Europe and China.

Hosted by French President François Mitterrand, the summit began amid a four-day extravaganza marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution that also brought more than two dozen leaders of developing nations to the French capital.

The Western leaders — US President George Bush, Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Brian Mulroney of Canada, Sosuke Uno of Japan, Ciriaco De Mita of Italy and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl — held their opening session under the controversial glass pyramid that is now the main entrance of the Louvre Museum.

Mitterrand's guests arrived in the ornate courtyard under the watchful eyes of security men sweeping the area with binoculars from the Louvre rooftop and a surveillance blimp hovering above the famous museum. They were formally welcomed by Mitterrand, who led them to the conference room where they

posed for photographers as they sat around a large circular table.

The eighth participant at the summit talks was Jacques Delors, the president of the European Economic Community Commission.

Officials said the summit will discuss efforts to provide debt relief to the Third World, whose outstanding bills total \$1.3 trillion.

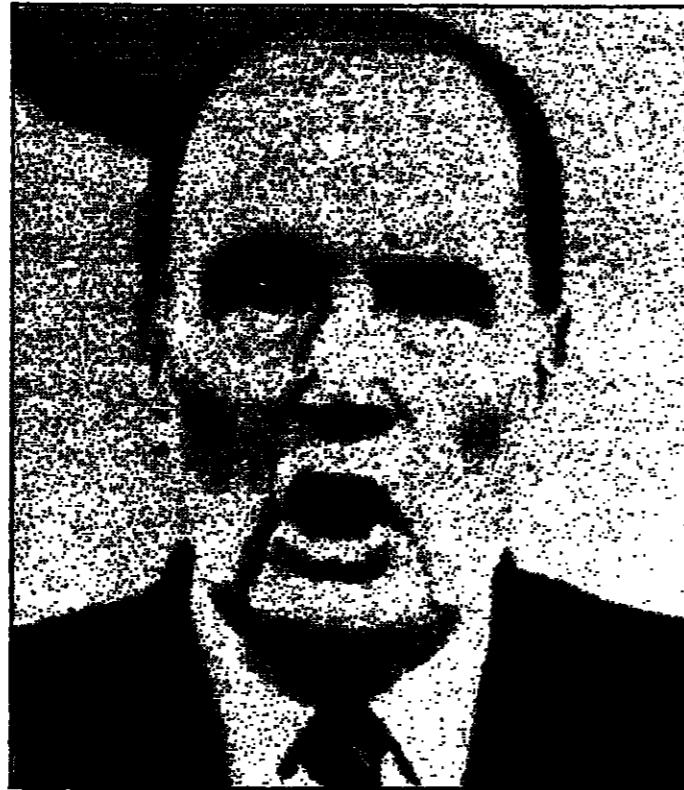
Also on the summit agenda are political reforms in Eastern Europe, the recent crackdown of the pro-democracy movement in China and the state of the world's environment.

Before the formal talks got underway, the leaders met in bilateral sessions.

Kohl had an "especially detailed discussion" with Bush about the American President's trip to Poland and Hungary earlier in the week, according to Hans Klein, Kohl's spokesman.

The two leaders also discussed Thursday's call by developing nations for a major North-South conference to discuss debt relief and other issues. The United States and Britain are not enthusiastic about the idea.

The finance and foreign ministers of the seven summit nations were having their own discussions in the margin of the summit



President Mitterrand

Before the summit began, President Bush maneuvered unsuccessfully to obtain a final agreement between Mexico and its commercial bank lenders on restructuring that country's foreign debt which exceeds \$100 billion.

But the United States and Japan reported progress on a contentious trade issue. Reversing course, Japan agreed to hold talks with the United States on a broad range of trade barriers which the US administration contends are a major cause for its \$52-billion trade deficit with Tokyo.

An estimated one million spectators, enjoying a warm, sunny day, lined the route of the parade. It included 5,200 soldiers, 710 tanks and other vehicles and 230 fighter jets, helicopters and other military aircraft screaming overhead.

In comments to reporters, a Japanese official said it was important that the summit reach an accord on debt relief for developing nations.

The official, who asked not to be named, said Uno would seek to establish Japan as "a country determined to contribute towards a solution" of global economic and monetary problems.

Japan, which has a massive trade surplus, is often accused of doing too little in that field.

Margaret Thatcher, in a 30-minute meeting with Uno before the summit began, said she hoped the summit could issue a strong declaration on the violent

crackdown on Chinese pro-democracy movement. Uno, whose country conducts extensive trade with China, reportedly did not respond.

President Bush offered a short-term loan of up to \$2 billion to Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari to help Mexico while it negotiates with its creditor banks, but a solution to Mexico's debt problem eluded the two leaders.

White House chief of Staff John Sununu told reporters that Bush and Salinas agreed that the quality of an accord was more important than a time-table.

The failure of Mexico and its private creditors to go beyond a preliminary agreement that would substantially reduce Mexico's \$54 billion debt to the banks was a disappointment to the United States.

The meeting between the two presidents came at the last minute as Bush and his wife, Barbara, attended the ceremonies marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution and the start of the seven-nation summit.

Sununu said the banks and Mexico are "very close" to an agreement and are down to the details of a financial package to refinance the \$54 billion. "But the question is how it gets phased in," he said.

Who wants what ...

Economic summit

PARIS, July 14, (Reuter): The seven leading industrial democracies have similar goals for their economic summit which began today in Paris but are not united on how to achieve them.

Third World debt, the environment, China and economic and political reform in Eastern Europe are expected to dominate the three-day meeting.

The leaders also are expected to renew an April commitment by their finance ministers to co-ordinate economic policy and keep foreign exchange rates stable.

Here is a brief look at what each of the seven hopes to obtain:

■ **The United States:** Washington wants to find common ground on issues ranging from the environment to trade barriers. President George Bush, fresh from a trip to Poland and Hungary, told reporters he will seek support for increased aid to those two countries to foster more political reform.

■ **France:** Hosting the summit, Paris wants to make ways to reduce the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt burden a priority.

To ram home the message, President François Mitterrand has invited 30 other heads of state, many of them from developing countries, to Paris at the same time as the summit.

■ **Japan:** Prime Minister Sosuke Uno arrived in Paris worried that his colleagues were planning harsh measures against China in response to the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations. Tokyo has warned the other six of the danger of isolating China.

Tokyo intends to extend its 2-1/2-year-old plan to recycle its trade surplus back to the Third World and by significantly increasing its spending on the environment. On the eve of the summit, it also unveiled a \$2.3-billion plan to help protect the environment, much of it aimed at the Third World.

■ **West Germany:** Bonn has said the issues of pollution Third World debt must be high on the agenda. West German officials said Chancellor Helmut Kohl would press for an agreement on a quick ban on ozone-depleting chemicals.

■ **Britain:** London agrees broadly with environmental concerns but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said existing organisations can be improved instead of setting up a new environmental agency.

Thatcher said in an interview with the French daily *Le Monde* that while China should be high on the agenda during the summit, she would not support calls for economic sanctions against Beijing.

■ **Italy:** Rome is expected to try to persuade other nations to launch a concerted attack on the laundering of drug money. But Italy will join the other leading the fight on the green issues.

■ **Canada:** Foreign Minister Joe Clark said Canada also wants the summit to agree on common standards for measuring environmental damage.

Gold tumbles

Dollar jumps

GENEVA, July 14, (Reuter): A UN body that sets food safety standards said today it wanted to work more closely with the world's leading trade forum in a move apparently aimed at helping cope with competing disputes over farm trade.

The 136-nation Codex Alimentarius Commission decided at a 10-day meeting to develop closer ties with the 96-member General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which sets the rules for four-fifths of world commerce.

The aim was "to avoid duplication of efforts and to harmonise possible areas of conflict," the commission said in a statement.

The commission is a joint body of two United Nations agencies, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and includes representatives of governments, the food industry and private organisations.

"While national measures taken to protect the health of consumers should be based on sound scientific evidence, they should not present unnecessary barriers to international food trade," the commission said.

It agreed to try to ensure that both it and GATT were represented at meetings where matters of mutual concern were under discussion.

The United States has cited Codex endorsement of five animal growth hormones in a protracted row with the European Economic Community over hormone-treated beef which has led to a food trade war.

It argued that a community ban on the beef, imposed because of health concerns, was a barrier to trade and had no scientific justification as Codex had found that the hormones were safe.

The commission also adopted guidelines for permitted levels of radioactive contamination in food resulting from industrial or nuclear accidents.

WHO officials told the meeting the guidelines were based on health and safety criteria, and had been fixed at levels that would ensure they were acceptable for use in the international food trade.

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuter): The share market closed lower in subdued trade amid high interest rates and ahead of Tuesday's balance of payments figures. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.4 lower at 1,558.1.

TOKYO: Share prices closed lower in thin trade after languishing all day, smothered by foreign brokers launching sell programmes. The Nikkei index eased 56.39 to close at 33,574.77.

HONG KONG: A softer tone in interest rates and New York's post-crash high sent local blue chips to their highest points since the China crisis caused the local market to plunge. The Hang Seng index rose 17.90 points to 2,516.11.

SINGAPORE: Bullish sentiment continued on the stock market and prices closed generally higher in active trading.

The Straits Times industrial index hit another post-crash high of 1,363.50, up 9.77 points from Wednesday's close.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

BOMBAY: The stock exchange was closed for the Muslim festival of Eid-Al-Adha.

FRANKFURT: A surge of foreign demand for West German banks and selected other blue chips boosted the market and pushed the Dax index one per cent higher to a new 1989 high of 1,531.58. It closed at 1,530.46, up 13.62 points from Thursday.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed little changed in quiet, featureless trading as the market waited for the release of a batch of US economic data due in mid-afternoon.

The All-Share Swiss performance index was one point up at 1,120.6.

PARIS: Stock prices were closed for Bastille Day.

LONDON: Share held firm in the afternoon supported by early strength on Wall Street after US data indicated a slowing economy. At 1530 GMT, the FTSE index was 30.5 points up at 2,288.5.

Oil workers resume campaign of strikes

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): British oil workers in the North Sea resumed a campaign of lightning strikes over pay and conditions today after talks with employers broke down.

World oil prices rose slightly on the news, although the immediate impact on oil production will be small because the men work on construction and maintenance, not extraction.

"The campaign of industrial action in the North Sea is on again," said oil workers' spokesman Ronnie McDonald.

He said workers on each oil platform would decide what action they wished to take but the most likely was a series of lightning 24-hour stoppages.

Sununu told a news conference: "The issues that are

Steel imports from US jump

Japan's exports up 2.7pc

TOKYO, July 14, (AP): Japan posted an unadjusted trade surplus of \$5.290 billion in June, down 11.1 per cent from \$5.950 billion a year earlier, but up from \$3.760 billion in May, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.

Finance Ministry officials attributed the wider trade surplus in June, when compared to that in May, to a trend brought about by a 3-per cent consumption tax that forced importers to buy more before the new tax took effect April 1.

From a year earlier, however, both exports and imports showed moderate growth, though imports grew faster.

Exports, as measured when goods passed through customs, rose 2.7 per cent to \$22.654 billion from \$22.051 billion a year earlier and 4.3 per cent from \$21.706 billion in May.

Imports climbed 7.8 per cent to \$17.363 billion from \$16.103 billion a year earlier, but dropped 3.3 per cent from \$17.946 billion in the previous month.

In its trade figures, Japan includes freight and insurance costs only in imports, under the "customs clearance" basis, while the United States usually includes them in both imports and exports.

The trade figures in June brought Japan's surplus in the first six months of 1989 to \$33.50 billion, down slightly from \$33.7 billion in the same period last year.

Exports in the six months grew 8.3 per cent to \$15.832 billion from \$12.457 billion in the year-earlier period, while imports showed an 11.6 per cent growth, totaling \$10.263 billion a year earlier.

In June, the trade surplus with the United States, Japan's largest trade partner, grew 0.3 per cent to \$3.634 billion from \$3.622 billion a year earlier.

Exports to the United States grew 7.9 per cent to \$7.931 billion, while imports from the United States rose 15.3 per cent to \$4.297 billion.

Exports of products like machinery, non-ferrous metals, television sets, video tape recorders and semiconductors were brisk, while Japan imported more of US goods such as meat, lumber and pulp.

No bid now for British retailer: financier

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter):

US financier Asher Edelman granted one of Britain's largest retailing chains, Storehouse, a reprieve from a possible takeover bid by a French company.

He denied it had been sprung on Britain and the United States. "They didn't trap anyone," he said in a television interview.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY NAT	146/0	146/0	146/0	ABERYN	525.0	525.0	525.0
ADT LTD	180/0	180/0	180/0	ALD LYONS	354/0	354/0	354/0
AMSTRAD	74.0	74.0	74.0	ARGYLL GP	225.0	225.0	225.0
ASDA GP	189.0	189.0	189.0	BAA	351.0	351.0	351.0
BTR	417.0	417.0	417.0	BAT INDS	880/0	880/0	880/0
BARCLAYS	469/0	469/0	469/0	BASS	056.0	056.0	056.0
BEAVER	186.0	186.0	186.0	BEEMCHAMS	623/0	623/0	623/0
BERISFORD	171/0	171/0	171/0	BICC PLC	517.0	517.0	517.0
BLUE ARR	101.0	101.0	101.0	BILGE CIR	545/0	545/0	545/0
BR AGS RG	194/0	194/0	194/0	BOC GP	518/0	518/0	518/0
BR LAND	386/0	386/0	386/0	BOOTS CO	285.0	285.0	285.0
B.P.	300.0	300.0	300.0	BPP INDS	254/0	254/0	254/0
BR STEEL	72.75	72.75	72.75	BR COMM	168/0	168/0	168/0
BR TELCOM	267.0	267.0	267.0	BR AIRWAY	209/0	209/0	209/0
BUNZL	143/0	143/0	143/0	BR AEROSP	720.0	720.0	720.0
BURMAH OL	620/0	620/0	620/0	BR REDLAND	616/0	616/0	616/0
BURTON	249/0	249/0	249/0	ROYAL INS	415/0	415/0	415/0
SAATCHI	310/0	310/0	310/0	AUST REED	408/0	408/0	408/0
SAINTSBURY	263.0	263.0	263.0	AVESCO	305/0	305/0	305/0
SEARS	126.0	126.0	126.0	AVIS EUR	427/0	426/0	426/0
SEDGWICK	253.0	253.0	253.0	AVON RUBB	537/0	538/0	538/0
SHELL	414.0	414.0	414.0	BAILL JAP	535/0	535/0	535/0
COOKSONS	338.0	338.0	338.0	BAILL SHI	95/0	95/0	95/0
COURTAULD	381.0	381.0	381.0	BAIRD (W)	258/0	258/0	258/0
DALGETY	378.0	378.0	378.0	BANKER I	193/0	193/0	193/0
DIXONS	158.0	158.0	158.0	BANKER T	93/0	94/0	94/0
ENG CHINA	492/0	492/0	492/0	BARDON GP	193/0	193/0	193/0
ENTER OIL	629/0	629/0	629/0	BARTON TEL	407/0	407/0	407/0
FKI BARCK	174.0	174.0	174.0	BASCHE	158/0	158/0	158/0
FERRANTI	86.0	86.0	86.0	SUN ALLIA	298/0	298/0	298/0
FISONS	512/0	512/0	512/0	SUN LIFE	110/0	110/0	110/0
GATEWAY	231.0	231.0	231.0	TARNAC	303/0	303/0	303/0
GAL ACCID	995.0	995.0	995.0	TEATELYLE	287/0	287/0	287/0
GEN ELECT	257.0	257.0	257.0	TYLR MOOD	327.0	327.0	327.0
GLAXO	385/0	385/0	385/0	WELLBANE	48/4	48/4	48/4
GRANADA	351.0	351.0	351.0	WELLBANE	230/0	230/0	230/0
GLOBE	187/4	187/4	187/4	WILLIAMS	254.0	254.0	254.0
GLYNMOR	299.7	299.7	299.7	WILLIS FB	233/0	233/0	233/0
GUARD RYL	220/0	220/0	220/0	WILSON	806/0	812/0	812/0
GKHL	411/0	411/0	411/0	WILSON	805/0	805/0	805/0
GUINNESS	528/0	528/0	528/0	WILSON	279.0	279.0	279.0
HMMERS A	813/0	813/0	813/0	WILSON	279.0	279.0	279.0
HANSON	223.5	223.5	223.5	WHTBIRD	364/0	364/0	364/0
HARRIS C	170.0	170.0	170.0	WILLSON	147.30	146.69	147.30
HUKER SID	731/0	731/0	731/0	WILLSON	134.35	152.44	125.81
HILLSDOWN	287/0	287/0	287/0	WINPEY GE	279.0	279.0	279.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1886.4	1886.0	1886.0	1455.3
FT 500 SRR	1286.73	1278.18	1276.98	1182.7
FT ALL SHR	1159.82	1152.58	1152.23	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	86.46	86.14	86.06	87.38
FT GOLD MN	202.10	201.80	200.30	190.2
FT MINES F	673.71	673.17	675.06	653.25
FT OIL	2133.1	2126.2	2132.7	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	147.47	147.30	146.69	141.17
FT WLD STG	134.63	134.35	152.44	125.81
FT WLD LOC	138.85	138.81	137.56	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS FIRM ON NEW ACCOUNT BUYING, WALL ST

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE FIRM OFF THE DAY'S HIGH, WITH SUPPORT COMING FROM BUYING FOR THE NEW ACCOUNT AND WALL STREET'S EARLY GAINS.

WALL STREET ROSE AFTER ECONOMIC DATA SHOWED A SLOWING ECONOMY. EARLIER, AFTER GAINS ON BID SPECULATION, A SET OF ENCOURAGING U.K. INDICATORS HELPED THE MARKET.

CADBURY SCHWEPPES STOOD 30P FIRMER AT 461, HAVING REACHED 495P ON SPECULATION THAT SWISS CONFECTIONER JACOBS SCHAUDER WAS POSED TO LAUNCH A BID FOR THE COMPANY.

AT 1520 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 21.9 POINTS UP AT 2,280.0.

RECKITT AND COLMAN WAS 35P HIGHER AT 1,232. DEALERS SAID THAT DESPITE THE LARGE PRICE MOVEMENT, TRADING VOLUME WAS LIMITED.

ONE TRADER SAID, "RECKITT IS A TIGHT MARKET - YOU VERY OFTEN GET LARGE SWINGS IN PRICE WITH VERY SMALL TRADES GOING THROUGH THE MARKET."

ABBEY NATIONAL WAS A PENNY FIRMER AT 147-1/2P AFTER EARLIER NEWS THAT FROM MONDAY IT WILL REPLACE GATEWAY IN THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX. DEALERS SAID THAT INDEX FUND MANAGERS WILL NEED TO BUY ABBEY STOCK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE PORTFOLIO OF FTSE STOCKS.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES STABILISED DURING LATE TRADING, HOLDING ABOVE EARLIER THREE WEEK LOWS, BUT CLOSED 5.50 DLRS AN OUNCE HIGHER THAN THURSDAY.

SUPPORT WAS SEEN AROUND 370 DLRS AS GOLD CLOSED AT 370.25/370.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, AROUND 1.25 DLRS ABOVE THE LOW.

DEALERS SAID THE PRESSURE THIS AFTERNOON STEMMED FROM THE FIRMNESS OF THE DOLLAR AND A FALL IN THE JUNE U.S. PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, WHICH CALMED FEARS OF INFLATION.

BUT GOLD HAS BEEN FALLING ALL WEEK, AND TODAY'S DATA MERELY PROVIDED FURTHER DOWNSIDE PRESSURE, WITH SHORT-TERM SENTIMENT BEARISH, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES EASED THROUGH THE DAY IN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC INDICATORS RELEASED HERE AND IN THE U.S., WHICH DEALERS SAID TENDED TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT THE EXPANSION OF BOTH ECONOMIES MAY BE SLOWING OR ABOUT TO DO SO.

THE YEAR INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/16 LOWER THAN THURSDAY'S CLOSE IN LATE TRADE AT 13-1/2 3/8 PCT, AS SOME DEALERS PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON LENDING AT THE LONGER END IN THE BELIEF THAT INTEREST RATES LOOK SET TO FALL IN THE LONG TERM.

HOWEVER, MANY TRADERS SAID A CUT IN THE 14 PCT BASE RATE WAS LIKELY TO BE A LONG WAY OFF. THE THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 OFF AT 13-13/16 11/16.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.6205/10	1.8885/05	6.4080/10	OPN
STG 1.6210/20	1.8885/05	10.3885/4035	NOON
DKR 1.8885/0535	3.057/071	29.385/545	FIX
FFR/HOL	1	DAY	FIX
SFR 1.6322/6332	2.6461/6494	25.45/47	NOON
HFL 2.1300	3.4560	112.77	33.23
ECU 1.09573	0.675960	2.07060	CLOSE
SDR 1.27708	0.786137	2.39567	CLOSE
YEN 139.70/80	226.45/75	-----	NOON
SDR RATE	13/07/1989	-----	14/07/1989
NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
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Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	313.20	312.80	310.70	284.0
AUSTRIA	327.20	326.30	327.10	287.9
BELGIUM	453.10	455.20	45	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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PRESIDENT George Bush and his Secretary of State James Baker held talks with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari early on Friday. The US government is considering offering a bridge loan of up to two billion dollars for Mexico to help short-term financing needs once it reaches a deal with creditor banks, a US Treasury spokesman said.

Bush later assured Mexico that G-7 countries will issue a joint statement supporting Mexico's stand in current debt negotiations with commercial banks, a Mexican spokesman said.

White House chief of staff John Sununu said the United States agreed that there was no obligation to achieve an agreement on Mexican debt before the end of the summit.

President Francois Mitterrand said that France would make a contribution in the next few days to relieving the Mexican debt situation.

UK Chancellor Nigel Lawson said Britain was prepared to back a Paris Club rescheduling for Poland even before an IMF-backed rescue programme was "fully buttoned up."

London: Redland Overseas Funding PLC is issuing a 100 mn Australian dollar Eurobond due July 30, 1992 paying a coupon of 16.5 pct and priced at 101.56 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities said.

Tokyo: Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co (P&O) of London is likely to sign on July 27 for a 150 mn dollar, 14-year nine-months Shogun convertible bond issue, capital market sources here said.

MONDAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	88	88.50	89	MILK IRON	133	132	133
ACC	312	309	308	GMFC	34.50	34	34.25	NAT INDEX	390.26	392.20	
ALEM CHEM	--	--	--	GRASIN	129	128.50	129	NIPPON	34.50	35	38
ALW MTS	--	--	--	GSFC	158.75	157.50	156.75	NOCIL	980	960	985
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GU ALKL	68.50	68.25	68.75	OKRAY	17.50	17	17
ASHOK LEY	78.50	78	79	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	10.00	10.50	OSMIL AGRO	73	72.50	74.50
ATLAS COP	195.75	195	195.75	HERC HONDA	20.50	20	21	PEICO	19	18.50	19.50
AUTO CORP	38.50	37	38	HIND CIBA	880	870	880	PFIZER	68.50	67	68
BALI AUTO	67	67	68	HIND COCOA	113.75	112.50	113.75	PONDS	174	176	175
BALI AUTO	362.50	362.50	360	HIND LEVER	94.25	94	95	PRED AUTO	52	52	51
BALI AUTO	551.25	550	560	HIND MOTOR	36.50	36.75	37	RAMBAXY	85	80	85
BK BOND	84	83	84	HINDALCO	308.75	308.75	310	RAY WOOD	83	82	83.50
BLW PLAST	--	--	--	HUECHST	710	710	750	RECKITT	187.50	182.50	187.50
BOM DYE	139	135	134	IND ORG	39	38	39	RELIANCE	124.50	123	120.50
BSE INDEX	756.16	756.16	756.26	IND RAYON	82	81	80	SESA GOA	42	41.50	42.25
BURR MEL	207.50	212.50	207.50	INDROL	295	295	292.50	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
CANSHARE	185.50	180	185	INGERSOLL	400	395	397.50	STIMENS	70	68	69
CEN ENKA	2740	2720	2730	ITC	114	114	115.50	SKF	1320	1300	1310
CEN SPG	1950	1945	1950	KIR JYN	79	78	81	SPIC	54	53.75	54.50
COLGATE	320	321.75	320	KIN ENGE	170	167.50	170	ST MILLS	340	340	360
CRONT GR	1375	1340	1370	KIR CURN	56	58	57	TATA CHEN	124	123.50	124
DCN	11	10.50	10.50	KSB PUMPS	390	385	390	TATA OIL	70	71.25	70
DEEP FERT	30.50	30.50	31.25	L AND T	93	93	93	TATA POW	385	380	390
DUNLOP	80	78	80	LIPTON	74	73	74	TELCO	995	985	992.5
EL HOTELS	62.50	60	62.50	MAC RUSSEL	117.50	115	115	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	69.50	68.50	70	MAD COATS	106	104	106	TISCO	1432	1426	1418
ESKAYEF	125	125	122.50	MAHINDRA	98	88	90	VAM OGIL	169	169.50	171
ESSAR SPG	24.75	24.75	26	MAS SHARE	18.35	18.25	18.50	VABELI	22.50	22.50	23
FOOD SPL	167.50	166.25	167.50	MICO	650	--	--	VOLTAIS	850	850	850
FORBES	50	49	50	MILKFOOD	205	200	205	WINCO	17.50	17	17.75
GAR POLY	63.75	63.50	64	MODI	83	81.50	85	ZENITH	57	55	56
GE SHIPPING	41	40.75	41	MRF LTD	--	--	--	ZUARI AGRO	74	73	74

FRANCE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE		
AEG	206.6	207.6	AJINOMOTO	2620	2650
ALLIANZ VR	2108.0	2078.0	AKAI ELEC	751	760
BADERMWERK	220.0	224.0	AKCI	1330	1320
BASF	291.0	294.0	ASARI GLS	2320	2320
BAUER	293.5	294.8	ASANI OPT	938	935
BAUER HYP	439.0	432.0	BANK TOKYO	1660	1680
BAUER VER	422.5	418.0	BRIDGESTON	1620	1610
BBC	450.0	459.5	CAMON	1790	1800
BHF	494.0	487.0	CASIO COMP	1410	1420
BWU	587.0	565.0	CHUGAI PHM	1810	1820
COMMERZBK	262.0	277.0	CITIZEN U	1100	1100
CONTI GUMM	317.0	318.0	D-ICHI KAN	3320	3320
DAIMER BEN	709.5	704.0	DAI NIP IK	877	875
DEUTSC BNK	654.5	638.0	DAI NIP PT	2290	2290
DLW	560.0	555.0	DAI NIP SC	1310	1310
DRESDNER B	359.5	353.5	DAI NIP TO	950	933
DT BACCOCK	206.0	202.0	DAICEL	1110	1080
FAZ INDEX	630.17	625.81	DAIMA H.	2140	2150
FEHMEHL	380.6	382.0	DAIMA SEC	2220	2240
GOLDSCHMID	415.0	416.0	DAIWA SEC	2240	2240
HARPEMER	448.0	455.0	DAIBA	2320	2320
HOECHST AG	294.0	296.9	DAIKIN	1960	1970
HOESCH	234.5	234.5	DAIMON	1640	1640
HORTEN	284.0	284.0	DAIWA BANK	3490	3510
HUSSEL HLD	659.0	646.0	DAIWA PHOTO	4290	4290
KALI SALZ	216.2	219.0	DAIWA SAMA	1670	1680
KAUFHOF	525.2	530.0	DAIWA CP	1930	1940
KLOECK H	182.0	186.0	DAIWA K	1950	1950
KLOECK W	157.5	156.0	DAIWA K	2480	2470
LINDE	742.0	749.0	ITO YAKODO	3950	3950
LUFTHANSA	181.5	180.0	JAP SYR	1180	1170
MAN	321.5	315.0	JAPAN AIR	16000	16100
MANNESMAN	293.1	229.8	JAPAN MET	1090	1090
MERCEDES	544.9	542.0	KAJIMA	2150	2140
METALLGES	458.0	460.0	KANSAI EL	4510	4470
NIXDORF PF	327.0	326.0	KAO SOAP	1710	1710
NORSK HYD	47.60	47.60	KAWASAKI H	1190	1210
PHILIP KOM	538.5	540.0	KAWASAKI S	935	946
POSCHE	77.0	75.0	KIRIN BREW	1890	1890
PREUSSAG	296.5	297.0	KOMATSU	1250	1250
PWA	301.0	303.0	KUBATO LTD	1180	1180
RHEINMETAL	401.0	400.0	KYOCERA	6260	6220
RWE	338.0	331.0	MAKITA EL	1870	1870
RWE P	278.5	276.0	MARU	2800	2850
SAKAMANDER	343.0	340.5	MATSUTA EI	2390	2390
SCHERING	656.0	650.0	MATSUTA EL	0	2660
SEL	317.0	315.8	MATSUTA EI	1070	1070
SIEMENS	595.5	593.0	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600
THYSSEN	225.5	224.5	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600
VARTA	372.5	365.0	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600
VEB	331.8	343.5	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600
VEW	214.5	212.0	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600
VOLKSWAGEN	423.0	424.0	MATSUTA EI	1590	1600

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE

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US eases security rules on exports

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): The Commerce Department yesterday announced easing of security rules on the sale of \$20 to 30 billion worth of US goods a year to 18 big trading countries.

The rules are designed to keep strategic products out of the hands of the Soviet Union and its allies.

The countries are: Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, Denmark, West Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Britain, Australia, Switzerland and Finland.

All but the last two are military allies of the United States. They belong to the co-ordinating committee on multilateral export controls, COCOM, a semi-secret organisation in Paris.

Switzerland and Finland were judged by US authorities to have adopted control systems effective enough so that the two countries were included in the new rules though they do not belong to COCOM.

Goods affected are "dual-use" items, which can be used for civilian or military purposes. Among them are most kinds of computers, telephone switching equipment and some types of machine tools.

Commerce Department licenses will no longer be required for export of these goods, nor will the 18 governments any longer have to ask US permission to re-export the goods to one another — though they will still have to ask if they want to sell them outside the group.

Approval from the United States will still be needed for trade within the group of some items produced in this country, including supercomputers and "surveillance" interception devices — equipment for secret listening to communications.

"These rules have the potential of eliminating thousands of licenses each year without compromising our national security," said James Lennan, deputy assistant secretary for export administration, in a statement issued by the Commerce Department.

US exporters have long complained about the time and paper-work consumed in asking for export licenses, especially when other governments permitted similar goods to be sold freely. Allied governments complained that the United States was exercising its authority beyond its own borders by limiting their trade with one another — a practice widely criticized by international lawyers as "extraterritoriality."

North Korean economy looks West

PYONGYANG, July 14, (Reuter): "Problems?" queried the guide showing visitors the North Korean capital. "What problems?"

But after giving the slip to official watch-dogs, foreign visitors to Pyongyang can soon see for themselves — 300 people queuing patiently to buy shampoo, another hundred for ice-cream, children's clothes costing more than a week's wages, crowded buses.

In the official media North Korea is hailed as a "workers' paradise," a land of plenty with no taxes and no rent to pay.

But talk to foreign residents and they say the economy is suffering from stagnation, desperate power shortages, rationing, unpaid debts and an inability to feed the country's 20 million people without importing food.

During a week's visit to this isolated country, interviews with some officials did produce unusually frank admissions of the problems North Korea is facing — and a strong desire to expand economic ties with the West to solve them.

"We are ready to develop trade with capitalist countries. The earth is getting smaller and humanity cannot but cooperate," said foreign trade official Kim Jong-Moon.

Kim, a widely travelled spokesman for North Korea's Committee for Promotion of International Trade, recognised that the biggest hurdle to closer economic ties with the West was unpaid debts which he said totalled "several billion dollars."

Diplomats estimate North Korea owes \$5 to 7 billion to the West and much more to its communist allies.

Kim confirmed that Pyongyang had even failed to honour some of its own government-backed letters of credit.

"We are determined to repay the debts in the near future," Kim Song-Hwan, deputy minister of the newly established Joint Industry Ministry, told reporters.

\$186m World Bank loans for Third World

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): The World Bank yesterday announced \$186 million loans to developing countries, with the bulk going to Tunisia and Jamaica, and said bank president Barber B. Conable will travel to Morocco and Algeria.

The multilateral organisation's chief will visit Rabat, capital of Morocco, July 19, the bank said in a statement issued yesterday.

The North African country was recently added to US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's list of developing countries that can benefit from World Bank

and the International Monetary Fund support to reduce their debt to private banks. Morocco has an external debt of \$21 billion.

During his three-day visit Conable will meet with the Moroccan authorities and representatives of the business community, focusing on the bank's support for the government's economic development objectives.

Recently, the bank approved a \$200 million structural adjustment loan to support Morocco's efforts at fiscal reform, improve economic efficiency and restore the country's credit in international financial markets.

To restore growth, the Algerian government is trying to make the economy more decentralised and market-oriented,

Conable will arrive in Algiers, capital of Algeria, July 22, where he will also meet with government officials and representatives of the business community to review the country's efforts to reform its largely government-controlled economy.

The collapse of oil prices in 1986, coupled with the imminent maturity of a significant portion of Algeria's \$23 billion debt, has imposed severe external resource constraints on the country, the bank noted.

Separately, the bank announced several loans for developing countries:

■ A \$130 million loan to Tunisia will support the North African country's efforts to reform public enterprises and increase overall economic efficiency.

■ A \$30 million loan to Jamaica will help finance the Caribbean country's \$67 million project to upgrade social services, especially health care and education, that benefit the poor.

■ A \$21.1 million loan to Lesotho, on concessional terms, will partly finance a project to improve health, nutrition and family planning services in the Southern African country. The loan is provided by the bank's affiliate, the International Development Association.

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■ A \$9 million loan to Cameroon will help finance a project to boost the government's policy analysis and macroeconomic management and reform the civil service and public enterprises.

■ A \$5 million loan from IDA, on concessional terms, will help Kenya to carry out financial reforms. The project will provide training to staff of financial institutions and the central bank of the East African nation, whose banking system is becoming increasingly market-oriented.

American producer prices drop

WASHINGTON, July 14, (Reuter): US inflation at the wholesale level fell in June for the first time in one-and-a-half years as prices declined 0.1 percent, the Labour Department said today.

And in a further sign of a weaker economy, retail sales fell by 0.4 percent, pushed down by a sharp drop in automobile sales, the Commerce Department said.

The decline in the producer price index for finished goods was good news for investors worried about inflationary pressures and was the first monthly drop since a 0.3 per cent fall in December 1987. It followed a sharp 0.9 per cent rise in the index in May.

So far this year, the index, which measures prices paid by wholesalers for goods, has risen at a seasonally adjusted 7.6 percent annual rate, up from a 4.0 percent gain in 1988.

The decline in retail sales followed a revised 0.1 per cent fall in May, the first back-to-back slide since October 1987. Retailers in June rang up a seasonally adjusted \$140.77 billion in sales, the government estimated, with declines in nearly every sector.

Automobiles sales fell by two percent in June, the largest drop since the 1987 stock market crash.

The June drop in wholesale prices was not expected by Wall Street economists who had been looking for prices at the wholesale level to rise by 0.2 per cent.

Excluding food and energy prices, which have risen sharply this year, producer prices rose 0.7 per cent last month, after a 0.5 per cent rise in May. Over the past year, this so-called core rate of wholesale inflation has risen 4.8 per cent.

Until recently, the Federal Reserve Board had kept a tight rein on credit to ease inflationary pressures. But in the face of weak economic growth, especially in the manufacturing level, the Fed has begun to ease interest rates slightly, causing several banks to lower prime lending rates to their best business customers.

British inflation stable

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): Inflation in Britain, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's main economic headache, remained stable at an annual rate of 8.3 per cent in June and is ready to start falling, the government said today.

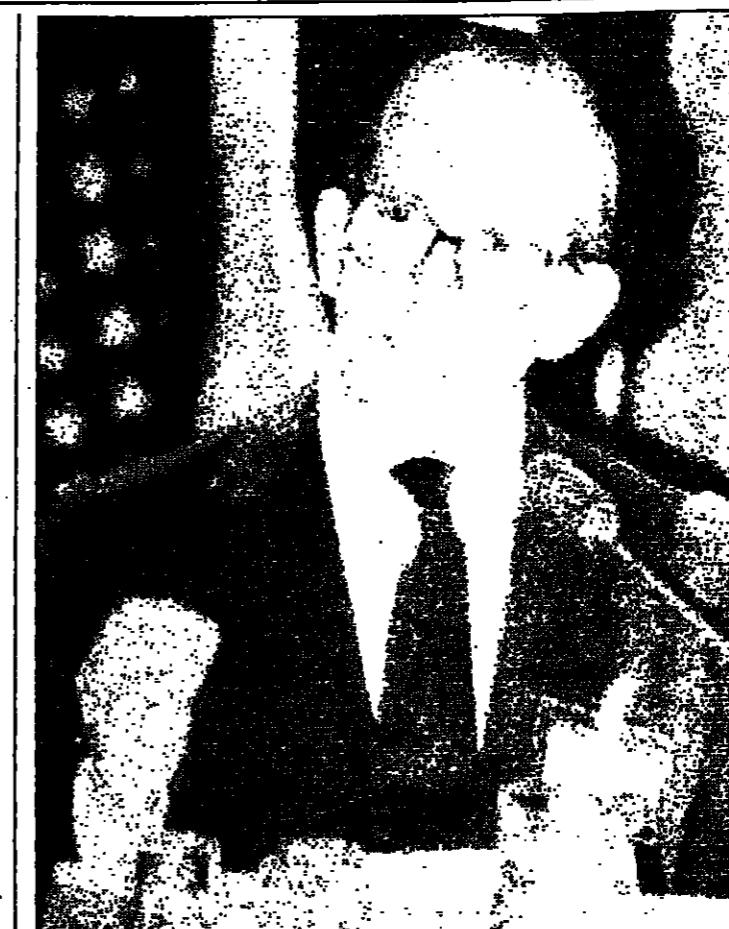
The inflation rate remained unchanged from May, despite analysts' forecasts of a rise to 8.5 per cent. Prices rose 0.3 per cent in June, it said.

"Inflation may now have reached its peak," the Department of Employment said. "It is set to fall as the measures taken by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson begin to bite."

It was the first time since last November that annual inflation failed to show an increase and followed an announcement yesterday that the rise in average earnings had also stabilised at 9.25 per cent.

The government will now be looking to trade figures at the end of the month for confirmation that the overheated economy is responding to Lawson's corrective regime of high interest rates.

Lawson has forecast inflation will fall to 5.5 per cent by the end of the year but the target has come under pressure from a wave of labour unrest as trade unions challenge efforts to keep pay rises down to seven per cent.



Michel Camdessus

'I hope summit will break new ground'

More debt forgiveness needed, says IMF chief

GENEVA, July 14, (Agencies): The head of the International Monetary Fund yesterday urged Western government leaders at the Paris economic summit to cancel more of the debt owed by the world's poorest nations.

IMF managing director Michel Camdessus appealed to other participants at the seven-nation meeting, which began today, to follow recent US and French moves to write off official development debts of the most underdeveloped countries.

"I would ask them to give greater attention to the poorest countries, for whom at least partial forgiveness of debt is certainly desirable," Camdessus told a press conference.

"I hope the Paris summit will break new ground in this direction," he said later in a speech to UN Economic and Social Council, meeting in Geneva.

US President George Bush said last week that the United States will cancel official development debt by sub-Saharan African countries starting Oct 1. French President Francois Mitterrand earlier announced a similar initiative by his country for the 35 poorest nations.

Camdessus also said he expects commercial banks to announce "in the following days" their plans for helping Mexico alleviate its debt crisis. He praised Mexico for sticking with strong economic policy reforms that the IMF "is happy to support."

In another appeal to the Paris summit, he said industrial countries must strengthen co-operation "if they are to create an appropriate environment for global growth in the 1990s."

"They owe the world growth without inflation. This is the biggest contribution they can make to the world economic balance in coming years," he told reporters.

Inflation and trade barriers in industrial countries are major threats to Third World efforts to move out of poverty, he said.

In his speech, he chided the United States, West Germany and Japan for "inadequate progress" in reducing their trade imbalances.

Outlining the strategies for achieving such growth, he said growth targets must be ambitious but realistic, in the sense of recognising the specific circumstances and possibilities of each country.

Moreover, growth must be financed soundly, and plans should be medium term in emphasis, not short term, he suggested. "The use of foreign borrowing must be linked to improvements in the current account, to avoid aggravating the debt service burden," he said.

Another important element was that growth policies should be hard work. Higher savings, to finance productive investment... require that growth of consumption is curtailed. Structural changes are likely to hurt politically sensitive sectors," he added.

The IMF managing director observed that in many countries — industrial and developing — governments were unwilling to make the necessary adjustments, or demand of their populations the sacrifices needed to achieve stronger growth.

Siberian strikes spread

Miners demand talks with Soviet leaders

MOSCOW, July 14, (Reuter): Strikers have spread to nine cities in the rich Siberian coalfields and miners are threatening to shut down all mines in the region unless Soviet leaders fly there for talks, Tass said today.

What began early this week as a drive for local autonomy and better living standards in the city of Mezdurechensk has spread quickly, with demands on a more overtly political tone.

These include an immediate national debate on a new Soviet constitution and meetings in the Kuznetsky coal region with top government and Communist Party officials, Tass said.

The official news agency, which did not name the cities and towns involved, said workers were prepared to back these demands with a mass strike throughout the area, the Soviet Union's number two coal-producing region.

A local journalist told Reuters miners were on strike in Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Kemerovo and Berezovsky, with limited actions in Omsk and Prokopyevsk.

He said they were seeking similar concessions to those granted miners in Mezdurechensk, who went on strike on Monday but were reported to have returned to work early today.

A local government official told Reuters he was confident all the strikes would be resolved quickly once word spread that Mezdurechensk changes

would apply throughout the region.

Tass said yesterday that concessions included pay rises for night shifts, better food, more housing and anti-pollution measures. Soviet Coal Minister Mikail Shchadov, who flew in for talks, also gave written promises of greater local control.

But it was unclear whether this would satisfy the strikers.

The spreading labour unrest, one of the biggest stoppages since Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev took power in 1985, has shown considerable organisation.

Workers' patrols, operating in co-operation with police, have enforced order and blocked entrances to liquor stores. No violence has been reported.

The trade union newspaper Trud said the miners had been joined by other workers and the National Miners' Union was providing strikers with free meals and transport.

At the heart of the dispute were demands by the miners in the southern Kuznetsky basin for greater local use of the proceeds from the mines and less interference from Moscow.

In Mezdurechensk, thousands of miners and their supporters had packed the central square, some camping out in tents. Many waved signs denouncing "bureaucrats," while others appeared on the television news blasting local officials as incompetent.

Honda, Rover unveil UK motor industry link-up

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): Japanese auto maker Honda will take a 20 per cent stake in Britain's Rover Group and invest almost half a billion dollars to expand its British operations under a major motor industry agreement signed yesterday.

Rover, which has collaborated on design with Honda Motor Co since 1979, will at the same time take a 20 per cent share in the Japanese company's British factory at Swindon, 80 miles (120 km) west of London.

Under the agreement announced by Honda president Tadashi Kume and Rover chairman Sir Graham Day, 1,300 jobs will be created as the Swindon engine plant is expanded at a cost of £300 million (\$485 million) to a full manufacturing operation producing 100,000 cars a year.

"Honda will become a 20 per cent shareholder of Rover Group," Kume said. "Rover

Group will acquire a 20 per cent equity stake in Honda of the UK Manufacturing Ltd."

Kume said the new plant would supply cars from late 1992 for Honda and Rover to sell in Britain and continental Europe.

Rover would begin building Honda's Certo model from this summer and the two firms would also start interchanging components, with Honda buying Rover body parts and supplying Rover with engines.

Day said: "This will help both companies, while preserving their separate identities, to develop long-term strategies to meet the demands of an increasingly global market."

Rover, once part of the loss-making state motor group British Leyland, was returned to private ownership last year when the government sold it to British Aerospace PLC.

Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young said: "I am confident today's announcement

amounts to a further step in the renaissance of the UK motor industry, ensuring that it will play a significant role in the European market of the 1990s".

Japanese car firms have been keen to invest in Britain in order to gain a stronger foothold ahead of a planned tariff-free market in the European Economic Community by the end of 1992.

In April Toyota Motor Corp announced a new production plant in Britain while Nissan Motor Co Ltd started building cars in north-eastern England in 1985.

Toyota, Nissan and Honda have invested a total of £1.8 billion (\$2.9 billion) in Britain, creating 8,250 new jobs, Lord Young said.

The new Honda plant would initially assemble cars mainly from Japanese components but the proportion of British-made parts would rise to 80 per cent within 18 months.

See inside

Not just a clever studio package

Bananarama have the last laugh

By Judy Byrne

FOR years, Bananarama have been an in-joke with the pop pundits. Now they are having the last laugh...

The word was that the all-girl who mimed on *Top of the Pops* would never risk a live performance that would show up the paucity of musical talent behind the gitzey packaging.

Now they have hit the roads of America, Australia, Japan and Britain and, if they failed to establish they are the greatest singers and dancers in the business, their sell-out audiences were not complaining. For they at least proved they knew how to put on a cracking good show.

It was the final put-down for their critics who have been speculating for years about exactly what is the appeal of the group that could even ride the loss and replacement of one of the original threesome without a hiccup in record sales or fan following.

Some have tried to explain it in terms of analysing the way each of the three fits and fuels men's fantasies — an approach that fails to take account of their huge female following.

Records

Bananarama are in the 1989 *Guinness Book of Records* as Europe's most successful girl group ever and, since the book was compiled, they have overtaken the Supremes to become the world's biggest-selling all-girl group.

Yet Bananarama would be the first to admit their early approach was, to say the least, casual.

Blonde Sarah Dallin, 27, says:

"I think our attraction was that we looked like we had been dragged off the streets. We had a sort of naive charm and we were unprofessional. Everyone was surprised when we had hits."

The record company wanted us to change. They thought we looked scrubby but, once they saw it was working, they kept quiet. We were like three schoolgirls having fun. We didn't care if it lasted six months or a year."

It had all come about in a spirit of fun compared with the burn-

ing ambition that propels other aspiring pop stars.

Sarah and Keren Woodward were best friends at a Bristol comprehensive school and Sarah met Siobhan Fahey when they were both studying fashion journalism at the London School of Fashion and Keren was a secretary in the pensions department of the BBC.

The three, who love to sing and dance together, shared a tiny London flat above the Sex Pistols' rehearsal room where they were able to experiment with instruments and microphones. The trio just happened.

A well-received demo tape led to a debut single before they had even thought of a name for themselves.

At a brain-storming session, they decided they wanted something tropical-sounding and settled on Bananarama. The "rama" came from the Roxy Music number Pyjam Rama that all three were keen on at the time.

Terry Hall of Fun Boy Three heard them and invited them to pool voices for *It Ain't What You Do* which shot to No. 5. With none of the usual agonising and steely determination, Bananarama was on its way.

It was not until *Cheers* Then, two years later, failed to hit the charts that Bananarama got serious about learning how to make good records and even better videos.

Fun

Yet they have clung determinedly to their sense of fun. Sarah says: "We are all well over 25 but we seem to have reverted to being teenagers. We are not afraid to laugh ourselves."

We might even last another seven years. Even if some people want to turn us into an institution, we are proud to be a pop group and just a pop music. Nothing else."

It was typical of Sarah, Sarah and new girl Jacqui O'Sullivan, 28, that they scrapped plans to fly between US venues and joined the tour bus with their band, dancers and assorted friends.

Keren, 26, says: "It had always been our intention to play live. That's how we began — barging



Dismissed as a clever studio package without real musical talent, the all-girl group have hit the road and proved there's more to their success than raunchy sex appeal.

our way into other people's concerts and thrashing around with percussion instruments. We were famous after our first single and then had to spend the next three learning the job in public.

"It took us that long to see the job as a career and take it it seriously."

But never too seriously. That is part of the charm of the three who smoke, drink, eat junk food and avoid any exercise other than dancing as staunchly as they steer clear of drugs.

Actually they had planned a tour earlier but an unplanned pregnancy intervened.

Bananarama had finally cracked the US market with their first American No. 1 *Venus* late in 1986. It seemed the right moment to pack bags and travel. Then Keren discovered she was pregnant.

She took to mothering with a competence and enthusiasm that

understanding," she said. Which was just as well in Siobhan's case. Not long afterwards, she found herself in the same situation.

Marry

Keren's first reaction was to marry live-in lover David Scott-Evans. Her second was the realisation that she had no real wish to wed in a rush. "We want to enjoy doing it and we want both our families to as well," she added.

"My mum would need time to get a nice outfit or she'd kill me."

At the time, they seemed to have found the perfect liberated solution to the problems posed by the unexpected arrival of baby Thomas. David had been modelling but was fed up and needed time to decide what he wanted to do next.

He took to mothering with a competence and enthusiasm that

made hiring a nanny unnecessary and enabled Keren to get straight on with the disrupted Bananarama work schedule.

Only later did she confess that behind the insistence that she was thrilled to bits with motherhood in general and Thomas in particular lay a chillingly different reality. She was desperately suffering post-natal depression and feeling trapped.

She says: "I was totally freaked out by becoming a mother. I wasn't ready to have a child and didn't know how to cope with my feelings. My way of handling it was to go out and dance all night and drink vodka, basically so I could forget my responsibilities at home."

Now she has come to terms with responsibility and genuinely adores Thomas who has a nanny. David is studying film-making at a college and

marriage. ("when the mood takes us") is still a distinct possibility.

When the going was tough, it was to best friend Sarah that Keren turned for sympathy and support. The two still live in houses next door to one another in London's Maida Vale.

Sarah's boyfriend for the past eight years has been Terry Sharpe, whose band The Adventurers got into the Top 20 for the first time last year and toured the country with *Fleetwood Mac*.

Tense

"I can be very tense at times and Terry's the only man who managed to calm me down," says Sarah. "We're both very ambitious people. The more you have, the more you want."

Which is why there has been no place in their plans for a baby yet. "I'm quite selfish and there is too much I want to achieve first," she says.

But for the third of the original threesome who once shared a council flat in Holborn and the dole in their darkest pre-hit days, motherhood meant marriage. And, in the end, a split from the group.

Siobhan was five months pregnant when she married Eurythmics' Dave Stewart, ex-lover of Annie Lennox in a lavish fantasy ceremony in a French chateau. They postponed the honeymoon so Siobhan could get straight back to work.

But within months she was proudly presenting new son Sam to the world. She quit Bananarama just three months later.

Siobhan claimed to be on her third nervous breakdown when she met Dave. "I was going through one when he declared his undying love for me," she says.

But Dave's undying love frequently meant being out of the country. Arranging anything for Bananarama became increasingly tricky. When the break-up came it was not unexpected.

Siobhan lives the beautiful life in London, Paris and California. "I am constantly pinching myself. It is all rather mind-boggling thinking of the life I have now. I don't have to worry about bills any more, which is very liberating."

No change in No.1

Movie themes join hit parade

LONDON, (AP): For the fourth straight week, *Soul II Soul* and Caron Wheeler topped the British pop singles chart with *Back to Life*.

Three movie theme songs were included in this week's chart: *On Our Own* from *Ghostbusters II* at number 6; *Batdance*, from *Batman* at number 9; and *Wind Beneath My Wings* from *Beaches* in 10th spot.

Ain't Nobody, by Rufus and Chaka Khan zoomed up from 12th spot to number 2, followed by *You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* by Sonia in third spot, up from 18th.

UK Top Ten

This week's top ten singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) *Back to Life* — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
- (2) *(12) Ain't Nobody* — Rufus and Chaka Khan (Warner Bros).
- (3) *(18) You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* — Sonia (Chrysalis).
- (4) *(4) London Nights* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
- (5) *(5) It's Alright* — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).
- (6) *(-) On Our Own* — Bobbie Brown (MCA).
- (7) *(2) Song For Whoever* — Beautiful South (Go).
- (8) *(15) Voodoo Ray* (EP) — A Guy Called Gerald (Rham).
- (9) *(3) Batdance* — Prince (Warner).
- (10) *(23) Wind Beneath My Wings* — Better Midler (Atlantic).

In New York, the Fine Young Cannibals kept their *Good Thing* at the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States for the second week in a row.

Milli Vanilli's *Baby Don't Forget My Number* stayed on in second spot for the second straight week on the Cash Box magazine chart. Madonna hopped up one notch to fourth with *Express Yourself*.

Last week's number three hit, *Satisfied* by Richard Marx, slipped to sixth position.

Jumping onto the top list, up from 12th to 9th, was *Toy Soldiers* by Martika. The week's only other newcomer was *What You Don't Know byExpose*, up from 13th to 10th.

As for country-and-western singles, *She's Got a Single Thing In Mind* by Conway Twitty took over as number one on the Cash Box magazine chart. *Lovin' Only Me* by Ricky Skaggs was second, and *What's Going On In Your World* by George Strait was third.

US Top Ten

The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) *Good Thing* — Fine Young Cannibals (J.R.S.).
- (2) *Baby Don't Forget My Number* — Milli Vanilli (Artista).
- (3) *Express Yourself* — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
- (4) *(7) If You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra).
- (5) *(5) I Drove All Night* — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
- (6) *(3) Satisfied* — Richard Marx (EMI).
- (7) *(6) This Time I Know It's For Real* — Sonna Summer (Atlantic).
- (8) *(8) Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI).
- (9) *(12) Toy Soldiers* — Martika (Columbia).
- (10) *(13) What You Don't Know* — Expose (Artista).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) *She's Got a Single Thing In Mind* — Conway Twitty (MCA).
- (2) *(1) Lovin' Only Me* — Ricky Skaggs (Epic).
- (3) *(6) What's Going On In Your World* — George Strait (MCA).
- (4) *(4) Hoke In My Pocket* — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).
- (5) *(8) Cathy Clown* — Reba McEntire (MCA).
- (6) *(10) Houston Solution* — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
- (7) *(11) Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That* — Dolly Parton (Columbia).
- (8) *(2) Beyond Those Years* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
- (9) *(13) In A Letter To You* — Eddy Raven (Universal).
- (10) *(14) Love Has No Right* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TALK ISN'T ALWAYS CHEAP

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ 74
V K 6 4 3
◊ A J
♦ A K J 6 4

WEST

K 8 2
♦ J 5
◊ K 6 4
♦ Q 10 8 7 5

EAST

J 10 6 5
V 10 9 8 2
◊ 7 2
♦ 9 3 2

SOUTH

A Q 9 3
V A Q 7
◊ Q 10 9 8 5 3
♦ Void

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Dbl Pass Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♦

It was the late S.J. Simon who first propounded the theory that, if you defeat every contract you double, you aren't wielding the ax often enough. However, to double for an extra 50 or 100 points and thereby give away the show is hardly a profitable pastime.

South took the bidding along at a slow pace until North jumped to three no trump. Since North could hold no more than two kings in the

major suits, it was quite likely that he held a high diamond honor. South put his reasoning to the test, with a slam try of four diamonds, then bid one more for luck after North raised. West's double was farious, and received its just desserts.

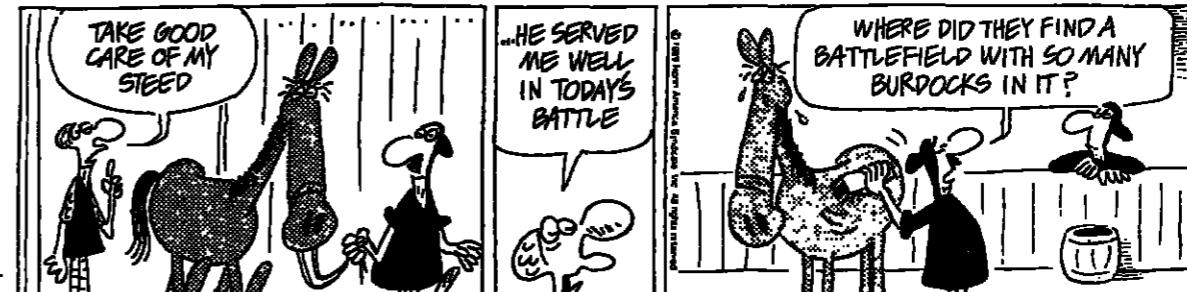
West led a trump, taken by dummy's jack. Declarer cashed the ace and was delighted to see East follow a second time. With nothing to guide him, declarer might have come to hand and conceded a trump trick, relying on either a 3-3 heart break or the spade finesse. However, the double marked the king of spades with West, so declarer tried something else.

He cashed the ace-king of clubs and ruffed a club, then the ace-queen of hearts. Next, he threw West in with a trump. That worthy was now firmly enmeshed in an endpoint.

A spade lead would be into declarer's major tenace, so West was forced to exit with a club. Since the lead of the queen would permit declarer to ruff and set up the jack for a spade discard, West led his ten of clubs. Declarer covered with dummy's jack and claimed. If East held the queen, declarer would ruff and a long club would be established; if West held the queen, the jack would be the fulfilling trick.

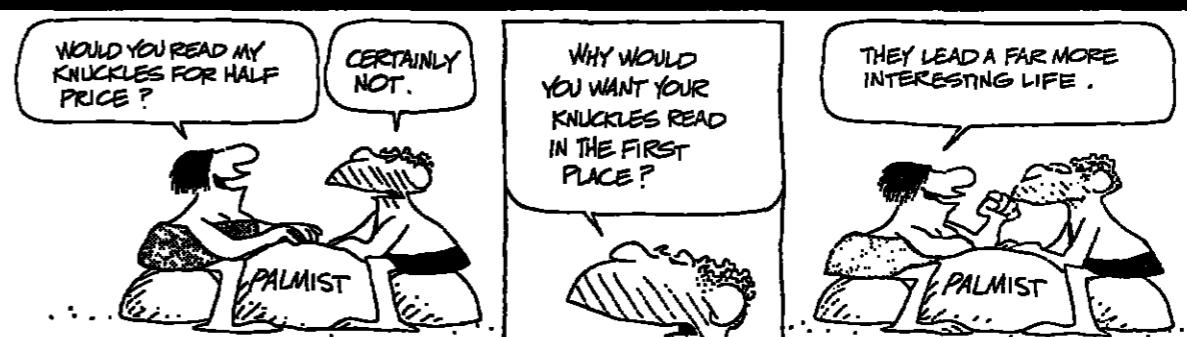
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

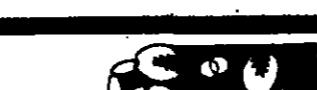
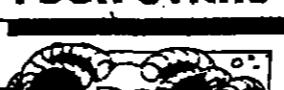


By Johnny Hart

B.C.



YOUR STARS



You will tend to get tired more easily, but that may be due to tension rather than insufficient sleep. Try not to take everything quite so seriously. Make sure you eat a balanced diet. Be magnanimous.

SPORTS

Bouncer plan runs aground

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): A move to limit bowlers to one bouncer per over in Test matches was defeated at the annual meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) by the votes of countries who do not play Tests.

The bouncer resolution, proposed by England and seconded by New Zealand, was approved by a majority of the Test-playing countries but the motion was beaten by the voting of the ICC associate members, it was announced at the end of the two-day meeting at Lord's yesterday.

ICC's full members who play Test cricket — England, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka — have the right to 14 votes, but 18 are available to associates such as Bermuda, United States, and Fiji.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said: "It was lost on a straight majority and I must express my extreme disappointment."

It was the wish of the full members to pass the resolution, but it was the countries who play little or no first-class cricket who had their way.

"I don't know why they voted against. One might have thought that if it didn't affect them they would have abstained."

We have been trying to take this step for a very long time and we at last got a seconder in New Zealand. We were very close to getting it through."

ICC members are to submit report by next November on the question of professional neutral umpires in Tests.

The conference chairman, Lord Bramall, hopes the revolutionary scheme involving 25 to 30 officials will be off the ground by 1991 when West Indies will be the touring team in England.

Pakistan and India have already taken the initiative, and have agreed to neutral umpires for their series next winter.

Zimbabwe failed in their attempt to gain test status, for which they will have to wait a few more years.

Although they were proposed by West Indies and seconded by Pakistan, the ICC want more evidence that Zimbabwe are ready to step into the top level of world cricket. This will be done by unofficial tours of full members to that country.

Under a redrafting of the ICC's constitution, the power of VETO previously enjoyed by founder members England and Australia is to be diluted.

The two countries could delay any decision, but now this applies only to rule changes.

Meanwhile, the ICC refused to allow South Africa to put its case for a delegation to visit the republic to assess the progress of multi-racial cricket.

South African delegates Joe Pamensky and Ali Bacher had hoped to address the ICC's meeting but representatives of the Test-playing countries voted to refuse them admission.

Pamensky, president of the South African Cricket Union, and Bacher had requested admission to put their case for a fact-finding delegation to visit the white-ruled republic.

Afterwards Pamensky hinted at the possibility of further rebel tours.

NFL players call for 'double' drug testing

ATLANTA, July 14, (Reuter): The NFL Players Association, dissatisfied with the League's drug-testing programme, called yesterday for double testing of urine samples — by the League and also by a lab approved by the players.

Players have no confidence in this programme and the way the League

administers it," Gene Upshaw said of the NFL testing procedure that has been in place since 1980.

Upshaw, executive director of the NFLPA, unveiled the players' plan at a news conference yesterday.

The union has been adamantly opposed to commissioner Pete Rozelle's call for

random drug testing. It also opposed his original drug proposal and the current plan, which allows suspension for four weeks after a second offense and indefinitely after a year, is the result of arbitration between the two sides.

Upshaw said the union's new plan also met resistance from the League before it

was publicly revealed. He said he discussed the plan with Rozelle, who said the League couldn't agree to this kind of programme.

League spokesman Joe Browne said the NFL had no objection to the union conducting its own test, but said it couldn't take place at the same time because of logistics problems.

Brazil and Uruguay win easily**Bengoechea banned for two years**

Romario: scored one goal for Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 14, (Reuter): Former world soccer champions Brazil took a giant step towards winning the South American championship when they beat World Cup holders Argentina 2-0 (0-0) here on Wednesday night.

Rebelo and Romario pierced Argentina's spider-web defence twice early in the second half of the final round clash in front of 110,000 fans in the huge Maracana stadium.

Diego Maradona, the world's number one footballer, failed to inspire the Argentines — who had appeared happy with a draw.

Flamengo striker Berbeto struck in the 47th minute. Romario sidefooted a Silas centre into his path and he blasted the ball past goalkeeper Nery Pumpido inside the angle of the right post and crossbar.

PSV Eindhoven's Romario added a second goal seven minutes later after a miss-kick by Jose Luis Brown at the edge of the penalty area. Romario slipped the loose ball past the diving Pumpido.

The result points to a possible decider with Copa America holders Uruguay on Sunday. Uruguay, who scraped into the final round after losing two of their qualifying matches, beat Paraguay 3-0 (1-0) earlier.

But first Uruguay must face

Argentina, and Brazil clash with Paraguay this evening.

Brazil, who started the tournament poorly, were a greatly improved side. They had the answer to Argentina's defensive tactics in the sheer skill and speed of their attacks.

Carlo Bilardo, Argentina's coach, said afterwards that the only difference between the teams had been one of fitness. He said he had not played second half substitute Claudio Caniggia from the start because he was not fully fit.

But Caniggia's inclusion after the second goal made no difference. Argentina, who started with five men in midfield and Maradona alone up front, hardly troubled goalkeeper Taffarel.

Bebeto's goal was his fourth in the tournament and put him level with Venezuela's Carlos Maldonado, whose team went out in the qualifying round.

Argentina's defeat meant Maradona has yet to be on the winning side against Brazil after two previous defeats, one in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, and a draw.

Another sound performance by Lazio striker Ruben Sosa was the inspiration behind Uruguay's victory over Paraguay.

A mistake by goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez, who came out late to challenge Sosa, left

Enzo Francescoli with an open goal to head Uruguay into the lead after 27 minutes from Sosa's centre.

With Paraguay pressing for an equaliser, Sosa broke away and laid on the second goal for Antonio Alzamendi in the 82nd minute. Midfielder Ruben Paez added a third a third goal six minutes later.

"Playing in the current scheme, I rarely get the ball," Maradona said of Brazil's win.

"We attack very little and that's it's unlikely that we'll manage to score a goal," he added.

"I think that to win the Copa America will be very important to regain a bit of Brazilian football's prestige," Bebeto said.

"After all, world champions Argentina are here, and Uruguay, two powers in world football."

Uruguayan soccer star Pablo Bengoechea has been suspended for two years after a doping test taken during the championship showed too much caffeine in his urine, officials said.

Bengoechea, who plays for Spanish club Seville, was suspended from all competition controlled by the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA), a spokesman for the South American Football Confederation (CSF) told Reuters.



Melinte: won the 800m easily

Soviet athletics stars suffer shock defeats

BARCELONA, July 14, (Reuter): Olympic high jump champion Gennady Avdeyenko and fellow-Soviet long jumper Robert Emmiyan suffered surprise defeats at a low-key international athletics meeting here on Wednesday.

Avdeyenko, the 1983 world champion, finished third after clearing just 2.26 metres while Emmiyan, who has recorded the second longest jump in history, slumped to fourth with a mediocre effort of just 7.78 metres.

But there were few surprises on the track as two-time world champion Calvin Smith raced to victory over 200 metres amid a succession of American sprint triumphs on a relaxed night of competition.

Avdeyenko paid the price for entering the high jump late. Spanish winner Adolfo Becker had cleared 2.10 and 2.15 before the Russian champion approached the bar for the first time at 2.20.

Becker failed with three attempts at 2.29 only to win after Avdeyenko and Romanian Sorin Matei failed with their bids to go clear at 2.32. Matei took second place on countback.

World champion silver medallist Emmiyan, still trying to recuperate his best after missing much of last year with injury and suffering the death of his father in December's Armenian earthquake, produced his best in the first round.

But after that he never threatened little-known Spanish winner Antonio Corgos who triumphed with a fourth-round effort of 8.11 metres.

Andrew Salmon shrugged off blustery conditions early on to cruise to victory in a men's 400 metres after a storming back straight left him comfortably clear of the final bend.

Salmon, who won a Seoul gold as a member of the US 4x400 metres relay quartet, eased down to win in 45.59 seconds with Spaniard Antonio Sanchez chasing hard in second place.

World indoor champion Andres Simon trailed home second to inform American Dennis Mitchell in a men's 100 metres field weakened by the late withdrawal of Smith, the Olympic bronze medallist.

Mitchell led from the gun to sweep home in 10.12 seconds with Cuban Simon second in 10.17.

Evergreen Romanian Dorin Melinte, Olympic champion in 1984, ran away to a convincing 800 metres victory in a respectable 1:57.95.

Melinte was towed round by American pacemaker Michelle Taylor for nearly 600 metres and then cut loose to prove that at 32, she remains one of the world's best middle-distance runners.

World record holder Renaldo Nehemiah also took the opportunity to remind his hurdling rivals Greg Foster, Roger Kingdom and Colin Jackson not to expect things all their own way.

The trio have set their sights on Nehemiah's world mark of 12.93 seconds set eight years ago. But in the absence of Briton Jackson and the two Americans, Nehemiah swooped to a comfortably impressive victory in 13.34 seconds.

Oxygen does not help enhance performance

BOSTON, July 14, (UPI): Athletes who inhale pure oxygen to enhance their performance are apparently fooling themselves, a new study concluded yesterday.

"My golf game has not been worth a flip for the last year and a half," said Sutton. "I've had a balance problem that I've worked out and really feel that I'm headed in the right direction. I've worked harder than any time in my life and feel that I'm capable of winning again."

Simpson won this year in New Orleans and has struggled the last six weeks. "I'm happy to get out of the gate with a good round," he said. "I don't feel like I have to fight it now in this position."

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Botham takes Worcester to win over Derby**Middlesex rally to blast Notts**

Botham: in terrific form

Notts made brisk progress in reply but lost wickets at regular intervals. Only a fourth wicket partnership of 69 between Paul Johnson and an unusually subdued Derek Randall held Notts to any extent.

Had they not dropped three chances, Middlesex could have wrapped it up earlier but Richard Elcock with four for 43 and Angus Fraser, three for 27, saw them to victory.

The closest contest was at the Oval where Surrey scrapped home by one run as Yorkshire's last pair just failed to overhaul their 256 for four.

Ian Swallow and Stuart Fletcher came together with 29 needed off the last 20 deliveries but with three still required from the last ball, Fletcher could manage only a single.

Results

At Cardiff: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by seven wickets. Glamorgan 189 in 59.4 overs (H. Morris 53, C. Connor three for 43). Hampshire 190 for three off 57 overs (R. Smith 69 not out, K. James 42).

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Derbyshire by 8 runs. Worcestershire 278 for seven innings closed (S. Rhodes 61, I. Botham 53, G. Hick 45, P. Neale 43 not out, M. Weston 43). Derbyshire 240 in 56 overs (K. Barnett 55, R.

Sharma 50, I. Botham four for 62).

At Hove: Sussex beat Leicestershire by 68 runs. Sussex 300 for two innings closed (P. Parker

87 not out, A. Wells 86 not out, D. Smith 59, M. Speight 48).

Leicestershire 232 in 55.4 overs (P. Willey 89, A. Dodemaide four for 37, A. Babington three for 42).

At Canterbury: Warwickshire beat Kent by 49 runs. Warwickshire 272 for five innings closed (A. Kallicharan 93 not out, G. Humpage 65, D. Reeve 45). Kent 223 in 57.4 overs (M. Benson 64, C. Cowdry 52, T. Munton three for 36, A. Donald three for 49).

At Taunton: Northamptonshire beat Somerset by five wickets. Somerset 210 in 55.4 overs (C. Tavares 79 not out, M. Robinson four for 32, J. Thomas three for 36). Northamptonshire 211 for five in 57 overs (R. Bailey 86 not out, N. Felton 41).

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At Bristol: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by one wicket. Gloucestershire 174 for seven innings closed (K. Curran 47, R. Russell 42 not out, P. Allot four for 31). Lancashire 179 for nine in 56 overs (G. Mendis 46, K. Jarvis three for 25, M. Ball three for 42).

Behind the Mazdas, Ford has

the strongest line-up, led by the Sierra Cosworth of Scotsman Jimmy McRae, the British champion who lasted just two km (about one mile) in last year's event. He is backed up by Qatar ace Saeed Al Hajri, who now

rallies all round the world after starting in the Middle East championship, and his son, 21-year-old Colin McRae.

Kenjiro Shinozuka will lead the Japanese challenge in a Mil-

subishi Galant. The Japanese champion will be looking for a better performance than last year when he dropped out after only one special stage with mechanical failure.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lewis unwelcome

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14, (UPI): Olympic champion Carl Lewis has been told he no longer is welcome to compete individually in track meets in Japan because of an incident May 14, the Athletic Congress revealed Wednesday. Lewis covered up the sponsor's logo.

Rich manager

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): Graeme Souness, manager of Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers, earned over £200,000 (\$320,000) in the year to May 31, the club's annual accounts revealed.

England coach

LONDON, July 14, (UPI): England coach Don Howe has joined Queens Park Rangers as assistant manager. The 53-year-old former Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion manager becomes assistant to Trevor Francis at the London First Division club.

Gidry quits

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Pitcher Ron Gidry said goodbye to New York and hello to his Louisiana farm, announcing his retirement after 14 years with the Yankees on Wednesday.

Sabre gold

DENVER, Colo., July 14, (Reuter): The Soviet Union overwhelmed a surprisingly meek West Germany 9-2 to win the men's team sabre gold medal at the World Fencing Championships yesterday.

Drug abuse

LONDON, July 14, (Reuter): Adrian Moorhouse, Olympic 100 metres breaststroke gold medalist in Seoul, yesterday hit back at claims by another British swimmer that drug abuse in the sport was rife.

Kenyan runner

LONDON, July 14, (AP): A leading Kenyan middle distance runner said Wednesday that a boycott of next year's Commonwealth Games could hurt track and field in their country. "Individual athletes in Kenya would not feel good about a boycott," said Paul Erieng, the 800-metre Olympic champion.

Rockets centre

HOUSTON, July 14, (AP): Houston Rockets all-star center Akeem Olajuwon is hospitalized here but club officials declined last night to comment about his condition.

Problems cured

GLENFLEAS, Scotland, July 14, (AP): Sandy Lyle, on the mend after session of the golfing miseries, said he cured his problems with a visit home. "I had a session with the old man (Alex Lyle, his father and teacher) and I've got my teeth back in the game now," Lyle said yesterday.

First man

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuter): Australia's Rob de Castella could miss his chance to become the first man to win the marathon at three successive Commonwealth Games because of his failure to run in qualifying events for the 1990 Auckland Games.

Athletics meet

LOS ANGELES, July 14, (AP): Robert Eimian of the Soviet Union has turned down an invitation to compete in the \$300,000 world record long jump challenge during the Jack in the Box Invitational Track Meet Aug. 6, it was announced Wednesday.

Jeff Fenech

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuter): Former world boxing champion Jeff Fenech wants to end his short retirement, but will not make a decision before talking to trainer and confidant Johnny Lewis. Unbeaten in his 23 professional fights, Fenech is rated by many judges as the best boxer pound-for-pound in the world behind undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

Non-title fight

SYDNEY, Australia, July 14, (AP): Undeterred Australian super-featherweight boxing champion Renato Correia will meet Brazilian Tomas da Cruz in a non-title fight at Parramatta on July 26, promoter Bill Morley confirmed yesterday.

Senna takes provisional GP pole spot

Berger to replace Prost at McLaren



Senna: ponders his next move
1:09.488 to take the provisional front row spot alongside Senna.

Austrian Gerhard Berger, who will replace Senna's teammate Frenchman Alain Prost in the championship-winning McLaren team next season, was third quickest in the second Ferrari in 1:09.855.

Riccardo Patrese of Italy, enjoying a new lease of life this season, was fourth fastest in a Williams in 1:09.865 on the opening day of his 184th Grand Prix.

Prost, who claimed pole in the last two Grands Prix in Canada and France, was unable to break the 1:10 barrier and had to be content with fifth place on the provisional grid ahead of Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin in a March.

Senna, seeking to enlarge on his record career total of 34 pole positions with his sixth pole in eight races this season, said he set his quick time on his first quick lap.

"I had a clear run but had to ease off slightly for yellow flags at Woodcote Chicane when Alessi spun his Tyrrell."

"It was my first run on qualifiers here for two years so I did not know the limits of the car or the tyres and I am sure we can go quicker here tomorrow."

Prost said he had a gearbox problem. "I cannot manage a lap without missing the change from second to third. I'm also making extremely slow changes with the result that I'm letting the revs

drop too much."

McLaren had been beset by oil-system problems earlier in the day, but the team had these cured by the end of the session.

Mansell was very happy with his time but said he was still troubled by pain from his neck and shoulder, injured slightly last weekend when Gugelmin crashed into him at the French Grand Prix.

"It's a bit sore," he said. "But the car is still very good and I'm happy. I'm not sure about grabbing pole but we can make a real challenge here in the race."

Patrese, using Renault's revised development V-10 engine in his car, said: "I have to discover something to help me go a bit quicker to be with Ferrari. But I don't know if we can beat McLaren."

March maintained their improvement on the high-speed European circuits by taking fifth and eighth places and they also will challenge hard tomorrow.

Jinx), Annacone said. "I love this town, but I never seem to get things going here. Maybe next year I'll play with garlic around my neck."

Kriek, in contrast, hardly tried at all. The 31-year-old Kriek, a South African-born American, attributed his

lackluster performance in the scant 49-minute match to tennis elbow.

"I was aggravated to the max so I just decided not to participate," said Kriek, who won here in 1981. "No guts. No glory. I have tennis elbow and I just want to go home and relax."

Expos beat Reds

Martinez wins 9th straight decision

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Dennis Martinez won his ninth straight decision last night as he led the Montreal Expos beat the Cincinnati Reds at Riverfront Stadium 6-3.

The Expos are averaging 4.5 runs per game when Martinez starts.

"That's the way it's been my last three or four games. Everything's been going our way, especially my way," Martinez said. "Every time I got out we're able to score some runs. That's who you manage to have a decent year."

Martinez, 10-1, allowed six hits in six innings and singled home a run as he set a club record for consecutive winning decisions. Charlie Lea won eight consecutive decisions in 1983.

Giants 3, Pirates 2

Will Clark lined a single to left field to score Brett Butler with none out in the 13th inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants past Pittsburgh at Candlestick Park.

Dodgers 3, Cardinals 2

Orel Hershiser allowed two runs in 8 1-3 innings and Eddie Murray drove in two runs as Los Angeles Dodgers beat the St. Louis Cardinals at Dodger Stadium.

Hershiser, 10-7, allowed six hits before Jay Howell got the last two outs for his 16th save.

Mets 5, Braves 1

Darryl Strawberry and Greg Jefferies each hit home runs as the visiting New York Mets extended its winning streak to four games by beating the Atlanta Braves.

Both homes came off Pete Smith, 2-11, with Strawberry hitting his 18th in the fifth inning and Jefferies his second in the second.

Cubs 7, Padres 3

Jerome Walton went 4-for-4 and Greg Maddux continued his mastery of San Diego Padres as the Chicago Cubs beat the Padres at Jack Murphy stadium.

Maddux, 9-7, allowed five hits in 6 1-3 innings to improve his lifetime record to 5-0 against the Padres.

Phillies 11, Astros 4

Astros 3, Phillies 0

Mark Davidson hit a two-run home for his first NL hit and Bob Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies to gain a doubleheader split.

Results		
California	13	Baltimore
Texas	9	Cleveland
Seattle	5	Detroit
Oakland	11	Toronto
New York	9	Kansas City
Boston	6	Minnesota
Chicago	5	Milwaukee
National League		
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